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Out & About with **The GEM**

Barry couple thank their taxi driver 'hero'

A COUPLE from Barry Island have praised a kind-hearted taxi driver who drove them all the way home from Birmingham after they were stranded there due to the snowstorm that had hit the UK.

Wendy and John O'Connor were desperate to get back to Barry and were running out of options when Wahid Rehman of Victoria Cars stepped forward to take on the 120-mile round trip, and charged less than others

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quoted.

Wendy, who runs Bluebells Florist, explained: "We'd been for a break in Portugal and flew back to Birmingham Airport last Thursday.

"We needed to get back home for personal reasons and I had flowers that had to go out."

Wendy and John had

to stay on the aircraft when it landed, which meant they missed the last train back to Cardiff.

They caught a train to Shrewsbury in the hope of catching a connection to Cardiff only to discover no more trains were running. It was late in the evening, so the couple stayed in a hotel in Shrewsbury overnight.

They returned to Birmingham New Street the next morning – and found that due to the terrible weather conditions trains still were not operating. Coaches had been cancelled too.

Wendy said: "John phoned taxi firms to see if someone would drive us back to Barry. They were quoting figures of

between £500 and £800.

"I was getting stressed out because I was anxious to get home."

John approached Victoria Cars and at first the drivers said 'no', but then Wahid Rehman stepped forward and said: "I will take you."

His charge was £400, half what some firms had quoted, and an amount Wendy and John were happy to pay bearing in mind it was going to take Wahid most of the day and he was taking on treacherous conditions.

They left at noon and arrived on Barry Island at around 3pm.

Wendy and John invited him in for coffee and biscuits and handed him a bouquet to give to his mum. Wahid's return journey with conditions worsening took four hours.

Wendy added: "He took a massive chance. "Most people wouldn't have driven in those conditions. We are so grateful to him."

BRYN HAFREN GOES 'UNDER THE SEA' FOR FINAL SHOW



ABOVE: Bryn Hafren put on its final school production last week at Barry Memorial Hall, performing The Little Mermaid Jr to audiences. See more pictures and a report on page 7.

Dinas man's 18-hour-wait for ambulance

A DINAS Powys resident's wait of more than 18 hours for an ambulance was "completely unacceptable", an Assembly Member has told The GEM.

Hugh Mackie, aged 68, called an ambulance at 2.45pm on Friday, February 23, after having trouble breathing, but he wasn't attended to until late the following morning.

The Welsh Ambulance Service has apologised to him and explained that there were delays in handing patients over at the University Hospital of Wales.

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I live in Boverton and every Thursday, without fail, a gentleman called Carl delivers my GEM, irrespective of the weather. Now that's what I call dedication. Thank you.

Marlene Simmonds, Boverton.

EDITOR'S NOTE - The GEM would like to thank Carl, and all distributors, for doing a superb job under a very difficult set of circumstances.

Thanks to farmer who cleared road

WE in Flemingston were doubtless among many villages affected by the red alert weather conditions last week!

Roads out of the village were impassable, but my thanks to the huge efforts of our local farmer, (Cllr) John Thomas (and Rhianon Thomas), who was able to establish an emergency route out of the village across his fields, before then clearing the road.

I had wondered whether MoD St Athan could have deployed men and machines to help the rural villages, but perhaps it isn't that straightforward?

Thanks again to John.

Cathy Crompton, Flemingston.

Praise for staff who worked in the snow

WE would like to sincerely thank all the carers for the way they have turned up during the adverse conditions, those of us who are disabled appreciate the dedication and service.

They go the extra mile to ensure that the less able they care for receive the attention they need. To all who have helped here a big thank you, on behalf of us all at Golau Caredig; our thanks go to the staff who have been here to support the residents. Thank You.

Eric and Gill Hands, Golau Caredig, Barry.

'THERE ARE WAYS AROUND PLASTIC'

THINKING about saving plastic in Barry, I had the chance to go to Germany some years ago.

I was served a take away in an eatable carton which I thought was good: if you did not eat it, it went into food waste instead of in the sea to kill our fish and birds; do you think we should do that here? Margaret Francis.



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Farmers were 'good neighbours'

MY wife and I, who are in our 70s, live in the village of Monknash and since Thursday we, like many others, were been cut off by snowdrifts, some more than six feet deep.

The buses stopped running on Thursday and no vehicle has since passed our house.

A local farmer and his wife did attempt to reach us by tractor. They ended up walking a considerable distance to check on our welfare

and we were very grateful.

As of Monday, there has been no sign of any assistance from any of the emergency services.

As the light was failing, I noticed two very large diggers attempting to clear the snow. I assumed they were from the Vale Council - they were not; they were driven by two local farmers who had been working for hours.

They explained that they were clearing the roads so that people could have emergency access to medical and other appointments.

When they left us, the road was passable with great care and we felt much more secure.

I hope these good neighbours will be compensated in some way by the Vale Council for undertaking work which was properly the responsibility of the Vale's Highway department.

Jeff Baker, Monknash.

'Stand up, then own up'

IF you own a white car, please stand up. If you did NOT drive in Beaufort Way, Rhose, during the snow, please sit down.

If you drove into my parked turquoise coloured PT Cruiser car leaving about £300-£400 of damage to the back wing and light cluster, you will be the only one standing.

Please do the decent thing and walk to the phone and call 01446 719013, or call at the house where the car was parked.

Dave Jenkins, Rhose.

MP's praise for 'good Samaritans'

FOLLOWING the recent hazardous snowstorms, I feel it is hugely important to pay tribute to all the good Samaritans who have worked so hard to help those in need through the weekend.

I have heard heart-warming stories of

farmers clearing roads, neighbours helping the elderly and scores of people working extra hours - going above and beyond the call of duty.

Special tribute must go to our nurses, doctors, council workers, care workers, fire, police and ambulance crews, to name just a few, all who managed to provide such vital services to the public in such difficult circumstances.

Alun Cairns MP.

There's no business like snow business!



Barry was heavily hit by the snowy weather - as you can see from Katie Campion's picture above, the drift was pretty deep in places while Sara Moggridge's picture below shows how Cold Knap lived up to its name with the swans indulging in some ice skating!



HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MARCH 15)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
08 Thur	10.32	8.7	22.49	8.3
09 Fri	11.12	8.0	23.37	7.7
10 Sat			12.08	7.5
11 Sun	00.51	7.3	13.39	7.2
12 Mon	02.31	7.2	15.13	7.5
13 Tues	03.48	7.6	16.16	7.8
14 Wed	04.39	8.2	16.59	8.3
15 Thur	05.19	8.8	17.38	8.9

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Vale Council motion on 'incinerator'

AT a Vale Council meeting last week, councillors overwhelmingly backed a motion demanding an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) be carried out on the Biomass UK No 2 Ltd plant at Barry docks.

The motion was put forward by Cllr Vincent Bailey.

It came after the Minister for Environment Hannah Blythyn's comments that she is minded to direct Natural Resources Wales that an EIA be ordered.

The motion called on councillors to "note with

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concern" NRW's decision to grant a permit to operate the plant and urged the Welsh Government to have an EIA carried out.

A total of 44 councillors backed the motion, with one abstention.

After the vote, Cllr Bailey said: "I'm absolutely delighted to see councillors working together to show the public that we understand and share their concerns on the

incinerator. "Across all parties, and in all parts of the Vale, we took this opportunity to speak with one voice on behalf of our residents.

"At the heart of this campaign is a genuine concern shared by all of us about the effect of the proposed plant and its effect on public health."

He added: "We rose to that challenge and sent a clear message that the Vale Council is opposed to an incinerator."



Sue Grant (left) with Debbie Matthews, director of Archytas Strategic Planning, which has supported the club's lift appeal.

The First Lady of Penarth Yacht Club

PENARTH Yacht Club has announced that Sue Grant has been appointed the first female commodore at the club.

She is one of a number of women in leading roles at the club, helping to promote gender equality.

Penarth-born Sue, a community-minded person who is keen to help wherever she could, juggled her career and her family life with two children.

She trained as a nurse in 1977 at Llandough Hospital where she was a Ward Sister for 10 years, predominantly in care of the elderly.

She then moved to practice nursing following a back problem and after two years juggling childcare and rushing from one shift to another, she could see that she was always left trying to squeeze her daughters in around her career and wanted something different for them.

Sue's personal circumstances meant that she was able to explore a varied voluntary career. Shortly after her break from nursing, she got involved at her daughters' school, Fairfield Primary in Penarth, starting the children's library and becoming the chair of governors, and staying on at the school after her two girls had moved onto secondary school.

She also became a magistrate, a position she held for 18 years, and later she joined the Adoption and Fostering Panel for Newport, where, for eight years, she was able to draw on her own experiences of being adopted.

More recently, Sue has been dedicated to inspiring a new generation of girls and women at her Girl Guide group, which is thriving in Penarth.

Sue is always on the lookout for women who have jobs traditionally reserved for men such as engineers, surgeons and pilots, so they can talk to and inspire the next generation of young women.

Interestingly, when she first tried sailing at the aged of 16 she hated it; she didn't have the right kit and ending up cold and wet, and abandoned the idea of going sailing for more

than 20 years.

However, 12 years ago, she was encouraged to go sailing with her husband and some experienced sailors from Penarth Yacht Club and with the right kit, good teaching and encouragement, she found a new passion and became a member of Penarth Yacht Club.

When asked about her appointment as the first female commodore of Penarth Yacht Club, she said: "I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed as the commodore and I am looking forward to the challenges that this position will bring."

"The club has its traditional values, but moves have been made over recent years to make the club more accessible. I am looking forward to keeping the momentum going."

"Penarth Yacht Club is a lovely place for people and families of all ages to socialise or indulge their passion for sailing or rowing."

As commodore, one of Sue's many roles will be to ensure the smooth running of the club and to continue to make improvements for the members.

One of her first tasks was to help in the Raise the Lift Appeal, which kicked off with an incredibly successful 24-hour event raising £5,000 towards the installation of a lift at the clubhouse. The lift appeal drew support from the local community and companies including Archytas Strategic Planning and Masons Self Storage. Both companies donated to the appeal and helped resource the Raise the Lift appeal event. SM

Aviation Society to hear talk about Alaskan flying

IN common with many organisations, the Penarth Aviation Society fell foul of the severe weather last Friday and the meeting scheduled for that day was called off.

A new date has been arranged and the meeting will now take place on Friday, March 9 at 7.45pm for 8pm in the Penarth Conservative Club.

Mike Kemp will update us on the trials and tribulations of Alaskan flying. This will obviously touch on winter conditions, although Mike said that the conditions when he was there involved rain, rain and more rain!

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CARERS' CAFE AT PENARTH

A COUPLE who attend a carers' café at a Penarth hospice have praised the support they've received – and urge others to attend as the service begins its fourth year.

Elizabeth and Nick Gelsei have been attending the café, hosted by Marie Curie in its day therapy unit at the Cardiff and the Vale Hospice, since last summer.

Elizabeth, who has volunteered in a variety of roles for the terminal illness charity for 12 years, said she found out about the café – which runs on the first and last Tuesdays of the month, from 2pm to 4pm – after attending a volunteer thank you event.

"I came on my own at first, but they said that Nick was welcome to come as well."

Elizabeth's husband,



Elizabeth and Nick Gelsei.

Nick, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in February 2017. Elizabeth is his primary carer.

The pair, who are both originally from Hungary, met in Cardiff in 1957 and married in 1960.

Talking of Nick's diagnosis, she said as a family they knew things "weren't quite right" beforehand.

Nick, 80, was diagnosed at a Memory Clinic in Barry. He now attends day centres three days a week to provide Elizabeth with some respite.

"He can hardly walk

now, he shuffles," said Elizabeth of one of the symptoms of Nick's Alzheimer's. Elizabeth also says he now likes to go to bed early.

"Because I'm now on my own so much, I enjoy coming to the Carers' Café because I've always been a talker, so it's nice to talk to people and meet new people," she said.

"We've met some lovely people here and it gives me emotional support too."

"It's something to look forward to. Nick doesn't always remember that we are coming, but I'll remind him and he enjoys it."

Since the launch in March 2015, Marie Curie has welcomed 742 visitors to its cafes, including carers, families and patients from the hospice wards.

Susan Court, who set up the café as part of the Caring for Carers project, said: "The café provides a welcoming, hospitable and safe environment for visitors to relax, talk with others who are experiencing similar situations while enjoying sandwiches, tea and cake."

"We also provide access to a confidential benefit support worker."

A café marking the start of the fourth year of the service is taking place on Tuesday, March 6 from 2pm to 4pm at the hospice on Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

Rachel Moses-Lloyd

Large turnout expected for the 'Walk In Her Name'

ORGANISERS hope for a big turnout this Mother's Day, March 11, for the 'Walk In Her Name' event from Barry Cemetery to the Island and back.

The walk has been organised by Alison Woolcock in memory of her sister Lesley, and seeks to remember people's loved-ones and raise funds for Ovarian Cancer Action.

The walk begins at noon at Cemetery Road and will make its way to over to Lesley's bench on Barry Island before the return journey.

Later in the afternoon, Merthyr Dyfan Chapel will be open so people can light candles in memory of loved ones. A get-together will follow at the Ty Newydd Inn.

Over 120 people are expected to attend including members of Barry Town Football Club and members of the new Vale Surf Life Saving Club.

Alison said: "Some members of Barry Town Football Club said they would attend the walk, and Kayne McLaggon dedicated his first goal for Barry Town to Lesley at the start of the season."

Search for #walkinhername on the internet.

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Local Barry Solicitors win top national award

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Dinas Powys chosen as 'place of the day' for Fairtrade

DINAS POWYS has been chosen as the Fairtrade Foundation's 'Fairtrade Place of the Day' on Friday, March 9.

The Fairtrade Foundation are featuring a Fairtrade city or town each day as part of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight campaign. The Fairtrade Foundation is the non-profit organisation which promotes Fairtrade and gives the independent certification for Fairtrade products. The Foundation will be featuring Dinas Powys across its social media networks on March 9.

On March 9, Dinas Powys Primary School is hosting a special guest from Kerala in

India to celebrate the difference Fairtrade makes around the world.

Father John Joseph, chairman of the WOFA Co-operative in India will tour across Wales from March 4 to 11 as part of the world's first Fair Trade Nation's Fairtrade Fortnight celebrations. He will visit Dinas Powys Primary School to present to pupils before being joined by parents for a coffee afternoon.

Coffee is the main income for thousands of small scale farming families in Wayanad, in the state of Kerala. Father John Joseph established the WOFA cooperative in 2008 to tackle social, environmental and economic challenges facing coffee farmers'



families in the area, such as cycles of debt, over-use of chemicals and low access to credit.

He said: "Fairtrade means farmers are now getting a fair price for their products which covers costs of production and meets the needs of their families."

Cathie Jackson of the Dinas Powys Fairtrade Group said: "Whether in Wales or India, everyone should have the best opportunity to make a decent living. Our simple choices like our morning cup of tea or coffee can make things better. In Dinas Powys

we have been campaigning for over 10 years and have seen what a difference it can make around the world. With the support of Fairtrade, millions of hard working farmers and workers are earning their way out of poverty and transforming their communities."

The choice of Dinas Powys as "Fairtrade Place of the Day" comes after being recognised twice as Highly Commended at the Wales Africa Hub awards in January.

Aileen Burmeister, Programme Manager at Fair Trade Wales said: "Thanks to the hard

work of local Fairtrade groups like the Dinas Powys Fairtrade group, more people are choosing, sharing and shouting about Fairtrade. From breakfasts to bake-offs and talks, there are lots of events across Wales that will invite you to 'Come On In' and find out more about Fairtrade - join in and help close the door on exploitation."

In Dinas Powys the Fairtrade Fortnight celebrations continue on Saturday night, with a Fairtrade bar at the Dinas Powys Community Cinema.

DIAG raises questions over chromium-6

ALEXIS LIOSATOS, chairman of DIAG has written to The GEM regarding the Barry Incinerator:

"I am writing to draw attention to a worrying fact that the Docks Incinerator Action Group have uncovered about the Barry Incinerator.

"We know Natural Resources Wales have controversially granted the incinerator a permit to operate. What the thousands of local residents living right next to the incinerator do not know is that NRW are also permitting the Barry incinerator to release excessive amounts of chromium-6 into the environment.

"Chromium-6 is dangerous and carcinogenic, whether it is released into water or the air. It is also notorious as the pollutant featured in the biographical film *Erin Brockovich*.

"DIAG uncovered this disturbing information in NRW's own Air Quality Document. Apparently, for at least the first year of its operation, NRW intends to allow the incinerator to potentially release over 600 per cent of the legal limit of chromium-6 into the environment!

"NRW's response to this frightening data was not to refuse the permit until the pollution could be proved to be under

the legal limit. No, NRW merely commented that the situation needs "further assessment" and granted the permit!

"The people of Barry will not be reassured by this lax attitude to our health and safety. DIAG believes that allowing over six times the legal limit of a potentially cancer-causing pollutant is wrong.

"We would urge readers of The GEM to spread the word and to protest against this by writing to their local councillor. Please visit our website www.beautifulbarry.co.uk to learn how you can do this."

Natural Resources Wales said there was no risk to the public and supplied the following summary on chromium-6 emissions:

The legal emission limit will not be exceeded and it is possible that chromium-6 will not be detectable in the actual emissions from the plant.

In order to assess the potential impact of the plant during the permitting stage before it is operated, realistic worst-case assumptions were made about the amount of chromium-6 that could be present in the emissions.

These potential chromium-6 emissions are around one to two ten-millionths (0.00000013) of a gram per cubic metre of flue

gas released from the chimney, or more than 10,000 times less than the emission limit value.

The maximum allowable concentration of chromium-6 in the environment (this is after dispersion from the chimney) is 0.2 thousand-millionths of a gram per cubic metre of ambient air.

The maximum predicted level of chromium-6 in the ambient air around the biomass plant, using the realistic worst-case assumption for emission levels, is less than 1 per cent of the maximum allowable concentration, or about 2 million-millionths of a gram per cubic metre of ambient air.

These levels of chromium-6 are so small it is unlikely that any will be detected or be present in reality, but we are requiring Biomass UK No.2, the plant operator, to check that this is the case in the first 15 months of operation as a precaution.

NRW expects chromium-6 levels, if it is detected in the emissions at all, to be significantly below the maximum allowable concentration.

There is, therefore, expected to be no risk to the public from emissions of chromium-6 during operation of the biomass plant.

Museum for Penarth?

PENARTH Civic Society are hosting an exploratory forum on Wednesday, March 21 at 7pm at Foxys, 7 Royal Buildings.

(Please note this is a change of the previously advertised date and venue, as Civic Society helped out our friends at All Saints' Cinema with the use of Lesser Hall.)

The forum will be the start of a process that seeks to establish 'A Museum for Penarth'.

Martin Gossage noted: "While the public aspiration for a town museum has existed for a number of years, it perhaps came to a head with Penarth History Month 2017.

"Turner House kindly helped out as a venue for the opening exhibition, but so many visitors expressed a wish for a permanent display site the hope couldn't be ignored."

Penarth Tourism and Visitor Association and

Penarth Civic Society have acknowledged the value of displaying Penarth's unique and fascinating history and plan joint working.

This initial forum will seek input to formulate a broader Heritage Strategy.

Will Salter, who has an extensive experience of museum and heritage practices, sees that a museum, moreover, a static exhibition venue, would only be one component of a strategy that might include: an online virtual museum, displays around town, expanded QR code trails, interpretation sites.

"We need the public, business and statutory and non-statutory bodies to offer further thoughts and help us identify and include existing or planned heritage activity."

Input from the meeting will be collated into a strategy and action plan for presentation during History Month - September 2018.

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS ENJOY A TRIP TO CWMBRAN

DUE to Beryl Road Pioneer Hall being closed for February, Barry Friends and Neighbours decided to have a short trip to Cwmbran shopping outlet.

Despite the cold weather it did not deter 45 of the members enjoying the day out, wrapping up for the day.

They enjoyed looking around a multitude of shops with well-known chain stores and many new stores they had not heard of. With most of

the shopping mall undercover, they were able to have a good look around.

Many of them took in a meal, enjoying a hearty lunch. For many of the members it was their first experience of the shopping mall and the members were impressed with their visit.

Luck was on their side as, when they returned at 3.30pm it started to snow. They are now looking forward to their Easter party in March and trip to Abergavenny in April.

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Pupils examine the geology of Pembrokeshire

OVER the past few weeks both the AS and GCSE geology groups have completed their fieldwork visits to study the geology of the Pembrokeshire coast.

The year-12 (AS) pupils spent two days studying the geology of the area around St David's. They studied the evidence for both volcanic and tectonic activity in the area, also taking measurements of the intense folding and faulting. Pupils also had the chance to practise their practical skills in readiness for the summer exams.

The year-11 (GCSE) pupils travelled to Marloes Sands in Pembrokeshire and studied the varied geology exposed along the coast. This included ancient lava flows, fossil bearing rocks and folded rock layers. They will now complete their field investigation as part of the GCSE course.

Both visits were very successful as the students were able to collect a range of observations and data in their notebooks. The Pembrokeshire weather was kind to us throughout. All of the pupils taking part in the trips did so with enthusiasm and interest and were a credit to the school.



Folding and faulting at Broad Haven.



Pupils making their way through the arch.

Penarth Beach Wardens helping keep the coastline clean

FOUNDED by Chris Wyatt of the local Penarth Civic Society (PCS), since 2007, Penarth Beach Wardens (PBW) have regularly patrolled the local coastline from Cardiff Barrage area to Lavernock Point, picking up litter left by neglectful beach users.

There are currently 12 volunteers who choose their time and place and how long they stay collecting the very varied items left or washed up on the shore.

Each warden is a member of the PCS, which covers the general administration for the group, negotiates licences and other working relationships with beach owners and local authorities, and provides insurance cover in case of accidents etc.

The Vale Council departments are very supportive, supplying the group with litter picks, gloves and bin bags. The council also pick up the filled bags from pre-arranged locations and their early morning collection staff have also on occasion come onto the beach to help remove larger items.

While some may argue that this service should come under the remit of the local council, the hours and people power required are clearly beyond their budget.

Beach wardens can choose to work alone or team up, so it is

important for the group to meet up occasionally just for a catch-up.

Penarth, luckily, has a variety of local watering holes where we can meet for a friendly chat, exchanging of ideas and general catch-up.

Most rubbish is general litter, paper, cans, bottles, plastic and in summer disposable barbecues.

Although a great number of items are fishing-related, they generally seem to come from visiting fishermen, who not only leave their empty bait bags and hand towels but also bus and train tickets, empty food and drink containers. On occasion, rag worms have also been found discarded in old newspaper and left to die on the beach.

Unfortunately, there are also a few dog walkers who seem to think that after picking up their pet's deposit it is okay to then leave the filled bag on the beach.

Other items range from children's toys and shoes to a pair of man's trousers (no sightings of naked man's legs have been reported so far!) a broken keyboard, some crystal wine glasses, a passport, knickers, knives, lighters, etc. We are currently collecting items for a display so if you find anything unusual or interesting please let us know.

If you are interested in becoming part of this friendly group contact: Chris Wyatt, Penarth Civic Society Beach Wardens via www.beachwarriors.org.

Not Arctic, but ATTIC snow in local homes



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RESIDENTS at Barry Quays Waterfront estate were astonished to find snow in their lofts following Storm Emma.

They were concerned as to whether there had been any damage caused to electrics, walls or plasterboard in their houses.

Wayne Kamans said that he and fellow residents had been exchanging information on the phenomenon on a social media group.

"There are around 30 to 40 people who seem to have experienced it, and each time I go onto the group a new person has joined."

Mr Kamans, who bought his house from Persimmon just over two years ago, was alerted to the problem by another resident.

"A neighbour told me about the problem and when I went up to the attic I found snow on pipes and boxes."

Mr Kamans said that he is concerned because although he has a 10-year

ABOVE and BELOW: Barry Waterfront residents have found piles of snow in their attics, blown in through the eaves and ridge ventilation.



warranty on his property, he won't be covered for any damage caused.

The theory is that the snow must have come in through ventilation points in the roof.

Mr Kamans said that some people have had worse problems than him, and that for families with young children it had been worrying because people were concerned about damp in bedrooms.

One resident, who lives in a Taylor Wimpey property, had to remove eight bin bags of snow from her attic, she said: "We have got leaks

through our ceiling, and above a window it is dripping constantly causing a break in the wall."

A spokesman for Persimmon Homes East Wales said: "We are aware that a number of our customers have had problems with snow in their attics over the last couple of days."

"We are reassuring customers that there is no defect with their properties. This has occurred due to a very rare combination of high winds and fine snow."

"The snow has been blown into the building through the eaves and ridge ventilation, which have to be in place to prevent condensation."

"Customers are advised to contact their home insurance supplier."

Taylor Wimpey customer care has said it will be visiting the woman who had to remove sacks of snow from her attic.

Dinas Powys man endures an 18 hour wait for ambulance

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Mr Mackie, who is registered disabled and has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, described the situation as "absolutely ridiculous" and his treatment as "horrendous".

While accepting that the cold weather had caused considerable pressures on the health service, Andrew RT Davies AM said it highlighted the Welsh Government's poor record on ambulance response times.

He claimed changes to the way response times are measured amounted to "moving

the goalposts" and had only encouraged situations like Mr Mackie's to occur.

Mr Davies said: "The Welsh Government's approach to ambulance response times has been nothing short of scandalous and they are more interested in avoiding criticism rather than meeting patients' needs."

"Changes to the way response times are measured have not helped the situation, which has occurred due to poor management of the system by the Welsh Government."

"It goes without saying that Mr

Mackie's situation was completely unacceptable, having to wait almost 20 hours for an ambulance to arrive."

"This amounted to an overnight wait for someone who is elderly, registered disabled and is simply not good enough."

"The cold weather has of course impacted on health services, but the Welsh Government need to face up and get a grip of the situation so incidents like Mr Mackie's do not occur in future."

The Welsh Ambulance Service said the wait was 18 hours and 13 minutes.

Greg Lloyd, the Welsh Ambulance Service's operations manager for the Cardiff and Vale Health Board area, said: "We're sincerely sorry to Mr Mackie as we appreciate how distressing this wait must have been for him."

"The whole health system in the area has come under sustained pressure in recent weeks, which has resulted in delays in handing over patients at the University Hospital of Wales."

"Handover delays represent a poor experience for our patients and staff, as well as compounding the risks to patients in the community who may need our care and for whom we have limited available resources when our ambulances are delayed at hospital."

"We continue to work with our health board colleagues to improve patient flow, including through the introduction of a hospital ambulance liaison officer at the emergency department."

"We would like to reiterate our apologies to Mr Mackie and

would be keen to talk to him to discuss his care in more detail. In the mean time we hope he is making a good recovery."

A Welsh Government spokesperson said the NHS was working hard to address the problem. "The new ambulance response model was devised by clinicians and is ensuring patients in the most need of an immediate intervention receive the fastest response to optimise their chances of a good outcome."

"It is important to recognise people who are in imminent danger of loss of life or limb receive a response in an average of around four to five minutes and for serious, but not immediately life-threatening calls, the wait is generally around 20 minutes."

He added: "We have been open about the pressures across the urgent and emergency care system over recent weeks that have occasionally resulted in some people waiting longer than we would expect to receive an ambulance response. The NHS is working hard to address this."

Avian flu found in Barry buzzard

THE Welsh Government has been told that a wild bird in Barry was found with Avian flu.

The dead buzzard was found with the H5N6 virus, which is the same strain found in wild birds in England over recent weeks. It is the first finding in Wales this year.

The dead bird was tested by a non-governmental organisation as part of wild bird surveillance.

The H5N6 strain of influenza affects birds, not people, and the risk to public health is negligible.

Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths said: "The finding of highly pathogenic Avian influenza H5N6 in a wild bird in Barry follows recent findings of the disease in wild birds in England and across Europe. This finding is not unexpected at this time of year and there is a constant risk of the disease at this time."

"It follows our recent calls for bird keepers to be vigilant and practice high levels of biosecurity and the introduction of an 'All Wales Prevention Zone' on January 25 to mitigate the risk to poultry and other captive birds."

Senior Veterinary Officer for Wales Dr Gavin Watkins said: "This is the first finding this year in Wales and reminds us all of the risk of avian influenza infection."

"Bird keepers must remain vigilant for signs of disease and I cannot stress enough the importance of practicing the very highest levels of biosecurity."

"The main source of infection to captive birds is wild waterfowl, and biosecurity measures must address both direct

and indirect spread of infection to areas where domestic birds are kept."

"Birds of prey such as buzzards are probably infected by eating affected waterfowl and are unlikely to play a role in transmission. The movement of poultry should be minimised, and clothing and equipment should always be cleansed and disinfected before and after their use."

If members of the public find dead wild waterfowl, or gulls, or five or more dead wild birds of other species in the same location, they should report them to the Defra helpline on: 03459 33 55 77 or email: defra.helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

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YACHT CLUB'S GREEN LIGHT

THE Vale Council has approved plans for a lift to be installed at Penarth Yacht Club.

Members were keen to improve access to the 19th century clubhouse for older members and those with mobility issues.

So far, the club has raised nearly £8,000 towards its 'Raise the Lift Appeal'.

A tribute to Llantwit's Terry Casey who devoted his life to football

HERE, Tony Hammond-Reckless of Barnet Football Club pays tribute to Welshman Terry Casey of Llantwit Major whose life was devoted to football:

Terry was a wonderful half back who captained Barnet to two Athenian League

titles in the early 1960s before working for the FA, the Welsh FA and FIFA. Terry very sadly passed away in February.

There are certain players who represent a football club, who are foundation stones, and when we reminisce they are the players we refer to as "a great player".

Some are remembered more for a particular reason and

Terry, much to his everlasting credit, always introduced himself in Barnet circles anyway, as "the guy who scored the own goal against Preston North End in the FA Cup".

But having spoken to supporters, reporters and teammates from that era, he certainly falls in the former category.

He was a fine half

back with Welsh amateur caps and true leadership qualities. Terry was born in Llanrwst, north Wales in 1937 and attended Llanrwst Grammar School.

He played for local clubs Llandudno and Colwyn Bay, and appeared for Nottingham Forest as a youth.

After RAF National Service in 1958, he went to Loughborough University where he studied teaching and starred for the first X1 football team alongside a very young Bob Wilson of future Arsenal and Scotland fame.

In the summer of 1961, while combining his playing with teaching in Hatfield, the then manager of Barnet, Wally Lyons, signed Terry. At that time a certain Tommy Docherty was learning his trade coaching at Underhill.

Terry made his Bees debut on August 31 of that year in a 5-1 Underhill win against Hornchurch.

In his first two seasons, Terry helped the club to two runners-up positions in the Athenian League before taking over as captain in 1963. Barnet then won successive league titles



Terry Casey (right) at Loughborough University alongside Bob Wilson (left) who went on to play for Arsenal and Scotland.

in 1963-64 and 1964-65.

Club goal machine Les Eason was just 20 when he joined the club in 1965.

He said: "It was Terry that we younger players looked up to. "He would look after us and advise us as far as contracts were concerned and on the way the club was run generally. You could put your full trust in him."

"If we all decided that the win bonus should increase Terry

was the man.

"It came so naturally to him to be the link between the players and the club officials..."

The game which featured the own goal that Terry used to refer to was in January 1965 and the Third Round of the FA Cup. Barnet hosted Preston North End and it was 2-2 with five minutes to go when Terry attempted a clearance that flew into the Barnet net, leading to a 2-3 defeat.

Terry was selected

for the Great Britain Olympic Football squad, preparing for the 1964 games in Tokyo and won 10 Welsh Amateur Caps, captaining Wales against England.

He toured Africa with the Middlesex Wanderers in the summer of 1965 visiting Kenya, Rhodesia, Zambia and Uganda.

His final team game for Barnet was in May 1966 in a 1-1 draw at Merthyr Tydfil - an occasion, as a proud Welshman, that he enjoyed.

After his playing days, Terry was appointed North West Director of Coaching by the Football Association and after a successful period with the FA he joined the Welsh FA as Director of Coaching and Development.

His work was then recognised by FIFA who appointed him as Technical Director which resulted in him visiting many countries throughout the world.

He attended numerous European and World Cup matches representing FIFA as Technical Match Assessor. To obtain that

sort of respect from within the game is simply wonderful.

After retiring Terry moved to Llantwit Major where golf took up a lot of his spare time.

He achieved a single figure handicap and was a very popular member of his beloved Southerndown Golf Club, and in later years he toured Ireland and France with fellow club members.

His neighbour and friend Colm O'Shea, who has been so very kind in helping me pen this tribute, said: "Terry especially loved to reminisce about his playing days with Barnet and his biggest regret was always that own goal! He attended a Barnet players' reunion only a couple of years ago. He was a modest man, a dear friend and liked by all who met him."

Terry passed away on February 19 and is survived by his daughter Rebecca.

His funeral will take place at 11am Tuesday, March 13 at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Cemetery.

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Rotary enjoys a St David's Day breakfast

DESPITE adverse weather conditions, members of the Rotary Club of Barry and their guests celebrated St David's Day in style with a St David's Day Breakfast in Brynhill Golf Club, Barry early on the morning of March 1.

President Jill Osborne welcomed everyone, especially guest speaker Simon Lander, programme manager, Transport For Wales, thanking them all for their support so early in the morning. Associate member Beth Longley then said 'Grace' in Welsh.

After a full cooked Welsh breakfast prepared by Brynhill Golf Club chef Mark and his staff, Jill introduced Simon Lander who gave an illustrated talk on the future development of Transport for Wales.

David Jakeway gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Rotarians and guests.

Little Mermaid is the last waltz for Bryn Hafren's musical theatre team



LAST week, the extremely talented cast at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School performed Disney's Little Mermaid Jr at the Memo Arts Centre, Barry.

This was a momentous occasion as it was the last school production for Bryn Hafren, with the upcoming closure in August this year.

The head of drama and director Alexandra Downey (Williams) is extremely proud that she was the first to direct a full scale musical for the school back in 2006 when she started at Bryn Hafren, and now she gets to say she has the honour of

directing/choreographing the last.

The extremely talented duo Mr Lewis Green (head of music) and Miss Bryony Doyle took the role of musical directors for the production.

They worked tirelessly with the pupils to perfect the most beautiful harmonies that can only usually be achieved by professional performers.

Under the trusty baton of Mr Green we have the school orchestra, made up of pupils and teachers from the school. The revamped music department at the school has striven to encourage and train pupils to be part of the orchestra; after years of hiring professional musicians we can finally be proud that our pupils can live up to the role.

No production is complete without the assistance of Mr Jonathan Coombs whose experience in theatre is second to none. Mr Coombs assisted with the production management but also had a cameo role in the musical, as he can never stay away from the spotlight himself!

Our stage manager Miss Lisa Kirker has worked solidly over the last few months, making props, organising the set and managing the stage crew on the shows themselves. The cast have relied on her expertise throughout the rehearsal process.

With the huge impact of budget cuts the drama and music departments have had to fundraise for this production



themselves via events such as sambathons, Christmas carol concerts, performing arts showcases, various cake sales and a tuck shop.

The five members of staff and the cast raised every single penny for this production which is a huge achievement.

The Little Mermaid is a classic fairytale with great sentiment, a mermaid with great aspirations, wanting to better herself and be part of the human world.

Ariel's ambition and drive is something we

encourage with our pupils in the drama and music departments at Bryn Hafren – anything is possible and that is evident in our past pupils' great career choices and achievements.

The majority of the principal characters in this production are going on to study musical theatre or the performing arts at higher education. Future stars of the West End are certainly in the making here at Bryn Hafren.

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Drain 'progress' in Dinas Powys

PROBLEMS that resulted in overflowing drains and toilets near Murch Road in Dinas Powys have been resolved by Welsh Water.

Their inspection of the sewerage system identified a potential cause of recent flooding and overflows.

The partial blockage of a sewer at Vale Court was discovered following an inspection in the area of Murch Road and Fair Oaks sheltered housing estate.

Welsh Water had been alerted to the problem by Conservative councillor Vince Driscoll after raw sewage was seen overflowing a manhole near the junction of Castle Drive and Murch Road.

Overflows had also been reported to Cllr Rob Crowley by residents of Plas Essyllt, Vale Court and the Fair Oaks

complex.

Cllr Driscoll said: "Senior Welsh Water staff met with us on site to explain the inspection work being carried out."

Civil engineer Roger Pattenden, a member of Dinas Powys By-pass Steering Group, explained: "They are already in the process of clearing the partial blockage in a manhole at Vale Court on the main sewer from Murch Road towards the railway line."

Welsh Water is due to inspect manholes within the Murch Junior School grounds when a suitable time can be arranged.

Cllr Crowley added: "We're pleased Welsh Water have heeded our call and are carrying out such a thorough inspection of the system."

"Residents have been trying to get it sorted for years. We're glad we have been able to get some action."

Bypass moves 'a step closer'

AT least two possible routes for the southern section of the proposed Dinas Powys bypass are to be investigated as part of a Welsh Government-Vale Council study.

Dinas Powys Community Council recently unanimously passed a request from the Vale Council to support widening the scope of the consultant's 'Stage 2 report' into the traffic corridor through Dinas Powys.

The study is to examine ways of relieving the traffic load through the village.

Members of community council were called to a special emergency meeting to approve the

recommendation.

Community council chairman, Cllr Andy Robertson explained: "The request was delivered by our review group representative, Roger Pattenden, and had been too late to be formally adopted at our previous meeting."

"But everyone agreed the matter was too important to delay another month. That's why the emergency meeting was called."

"I hope those doubting residents are beginning to recognise there is, at last, some positive movement in the process."

"It's too early to predict let alone announce the bypass is definite but it does feature in two of the four options from which one will eventually be recommended for the Vale cabinet's approval."



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Creative Rural Communities team aims to improve businesses networking in the County

26 February 2018

The Vale of Glamorgan Council's Creative Rural Communities team have launched a survey to find out how and where businesses in the Vale network with each other, and what they would like to see more of in the future.

The survey was launched after research with Vale based trade associations identified that businesses were uncertain of the benefits of networking, and where they could go to network. Part of the project might also look at best practice elsewhere in the UK so that people can learn how get the most out of it.

The survey is live now and will run until the end of April 2018. All survey entrants will be in with a chance to win sparkling afternoon tea for two at Llanerch Vineyards!

Cllr Jonathan Bird, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning said "We hope that the survey will give the Council and local Trade Bodies an insight into what businesses want to get out of networking, and inspire new ways of helping businesses to communicate, trade and work together."

You can complete the short survey by visiting www.creativeruralcommunities.co.uk/survey

PRAISING WOMEN IN THE WORLD THIS WEEK

LEADING up to St David's Day, I was delighted to launch the annual Marie Curie Daffodil campaign at the Senedd on February 13, praising and thanking the Marie Curie nurses and volunteers who raise funds for this charity, which touches all our lives.

It was particularly welcome to meet the young supporters from Barry Rugby Club. Last week I also enjoyed the Barry Scouts Marie Curie fundraising event at 11th Barry Sea Scouts Hall featuring a Teddy Zip Wire game which was enjoyed by Beavers, Scouts, leaders and parents.

It was disappointing that so many events

were cancelled on St David's Day as the weather worsened and the Met Office Red Level alert became a reality as the snow fell across the UK with parts of the Vale badly affected as we saw the drifts across the county.

Can I add my thanks to all those who worked in the caring and emergency services over Thursday, Friday and into the weekend when the thaw began.

I visited someone who praised her carer who had to abandon her car in Holton Road and walk all the way to the Knap in hazardous conditions to make her visit. There were many stories of this kind.

I would also like to thank the farmers who played their part in the rural Vale, digging people out of the snow. This was all voluntary effort and we thank them for their care and concern.

DIABETES EVENT

VALE of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group's next meeting is on Tuesday, March 20 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm - 9pm.

The speaker will be Dr Julia Platts, consultant in diabetes and group president who will give a talk on 'What's new in diabetes in Wales and beyond'. Anyone welcome!

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by VALE AM JANE HUTT

We are catching up on lost time, cancelled meetings and events but thankful that weather conditions have improved for an important week at the Senedd as we celebrate International Women's Day.

On Tuesday, we unveiled the first-ever Purple Plaque on the Senedd Wall in Cardiff Bay in memory of a 'Champion for Equality' the former Assembly Member for Swansea East, Val Feld.

I was proud to host the Purple Plaque Ceremony at the Senedd as a former colleague and friend of Val, who died in 2001 after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was a passionate advocate of equalities

and social justice as Director of Shelter Cymru, moving on to become Director of the Equal Opportunities Commission, having a lasting impact on devolution by ensuring we had 'equality of opportunity' embedded in the 1998 Government of Wales Act.

The plaque will be the first in a series supported across Wales with a panel of advisers, including Barry's Professor Deidre Beddoe, Emeritus Professor of Women's History at the University of South Wales, who will be hosting a lecture by Professor Beddoe on March 8 at the Pierhead Building.

She is also speaking about the Barry suffragettes at the Dorothy Rees Memorial Tea at Wenvoe Golf Club on Saturday, March 10, organised by the Vale Labour Women's Forum which was also responsible for the inspiring suffragette centenary exhibitions in libraries across the Vale over the past few weeks.

There are many opportunities for us to celebrate and support International Women's Day and to remember those who have played

such an important part in women's history, of whom there are many in the Vale.

We will also be remembering them during the Valeways Walking Festival in May, which will include part of the Barry Women's Trail launched by the Vale Council a few years ago featuring places where we can be reminded of these remarkable women.

Last week, I was delighted to meet Mia Watkins from Barry and Chloe Pearce from Llantwit Major who took part in the Chwarae Teg LeadHership Initiative last week involving women from 16-25 years old who were invited to shadow AMs like myself at the Assembly.

They were remarkable young women who will make their mark in whatever paths they choose to take.

There will be a focus on remarkable women this week in the Vale, in Wales and across the world and many of those will be the ones who are quietly caring for others in public services, as volunteers and in the community.

We honour them all.

Fellowship, fun and fashion show

ON Tuesday, March 20 the Women's Fellowship group at Trinity Methodist Church (Penarth) will be hosting a Fashion Show in Room 1, (Woodland Place entrance) from 7.30pm onwards.

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Tickets cost £2.50 and include light refreshments and raffle ticket. Clothes will not be for sale on the night but Bonmarché are generously giving all who attend a discount voucher to spend in store on their full range of clothes which will include those modelled

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Time allowing, a short fun quiz and games are also planned so bring along some extra cash to participate. This is a fundraising event and all profits will go towards the purchase of a heart defibrillator (AED) for Trinity and for all who use the premises.

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Glamorgan members receive Brexit update



Euryn Jones, HSBC; Dr Tim Render, Welsh Government; Gwyn Thomas, NFU Cymru Glamorgan county Chairman; Aled Davies, NFU Cymru county adviser.

FARMERS attending the NFU Cymru Glamorgan County Conference in Pencoed on February 26 received a Brexit update from a leading Welsh Government official.

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr Tim Render, Director for Environment and Rural Affairs at Welsh Government, who used the opportunity to echo calls made by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Planning and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM, about the future of land management in Wales post-Brexit.

Dr Render outlined the five core principles that underpin Welsh Government's vision for a new Wales land management policy, namely: keeping Welsh farmers on the land; ensuring a prosperous and resilient future for

Wales post-Brexit; delivering public goods for the people of Wales; a system of support accessible for all; and championing sustainable food production to help farmers compete in the global marketplace.

The meeting also provided outgoing county chair Abi Reader with the chance to summarise her time in post before handing over the reins to incoming chairman Gwyn Thomas.

NFU Cymru deputy director and head of policy, Dylan Morgan, provided members with an update on the Union's policy work over recent months, highlighting the work carried out with the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs around water quality.

RABI regional manager Linda Jones spoke to members about the

charity's work supporting farming families in the region, and thanked Glamorgan members for their recent fundraising activities.

NFU Cymru Glamorgan County chairman Gwyn Thomas said: "I wish to thank Dr Tim Render for joining us for our meeting and sharing Welsh Government's position on Brexit. It is clear that this is still a great time of uncertainty for everyone in Wales and the decisions made by politicians at Welsh and UK level in the upcoming months will have a huge bearing on the shaping of our industry."

"I would also like to thank outgoing county chair Abi Reader for the fantastic job she has done for Welsh farming for the last four years. I also want to thank Euryn Jones and his team at HSBC for sponsoring this season's series of NFU Cymru conferences."

'Beware fake police officers' WARN SOUTH WALES POLICE

POLICE in South Wales are warning the public to be cautious and vigilant, after a number of people have reported being contacted someone claiming to be a police officer – who then uses an elaborate story in an attempt to get the victim to hand over significant amounts of money.

This week alone, South Wales Police has received at least eight reports of calls of this nature being made to people in Cardiff, while similar reports have been made by residents in the Vale on an almost daily basis.

In some of the instances, the victims were told their cards had been cloned or they had been a victim of fraud, and they were asked to provide their bank details.

During other calls, the victims were told a family member had been arrested, while others were told to visit cashpoints and draw out thousands of pounds to hand over to a 'courier' who would collect the money from their home.

In all of the cases, the person calling claimed to be a detective and was so convincing that some of those contacted handed over the money or bank

details requested.

Detective Inspector Paul Raikes, said: "These scammers are extremely persuasive and convincing and are often very successful in duping people in to handing over substantial amounts of money."

"Many of this week's victims have been elderly, but the truth is anyone can be targeted by these scammers and I'd urge everyone to be on their guard and to talk to their friends and loved ones about the scams."

"The more awareness there is of them, the less successful these fraudsters will be. Anything suspicious should be reported to us immediately."

Anyone who thinks they may have fallen victim to a scammer should report it via 101, or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY CINEMA

THE next show at Dinas Powys Community Cinema, on Saturday, March 10 is *Goodbye Christopher Robin* (PG, one hour 47 min).

This film tells the story of A A Milne and his family, especially his son Christopher Robin, and stars Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie, and Kelly Macdonald.

The cinema is at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys (CF64 4QQ); doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start and tickets are £4.50 on the door, or purchased in advance from the DPVC office at the rear of the Community Centre (weekday mornings) or at www.ticketline.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre.

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THE Jam Fund, founded in memory of Jamie Adamson in 2005, was honoured at a St David's Day reception at 10 Downing Street.

Paul and Denise Adamson were invited to attend the annual celebration of Wales' patron saint by the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns.

Mr Cairns said: "Paul and Denise Adamson are pillars of society. It was a complete pleasure to welcome them to the 2018 St David's Day reception at No. 10 in recognition of their outstanding charity achievements."

"The Jam Fund is in memory of five-year-old Jamie Adamson, and his story has touched the lives of so many people in the community and on



Paul and Denise Adamson of The Jam Fund at 10 Downing Street.

a national level. how Wales was "Setting up and branching out to the world. "There were several Welsh products on display - and to try - including Penderyn whisky."

The GEM regularly features local youngsters and young people across the UK whose lives have been helped thanks to The Jam Fund.

Paul told The GEM: "We were met at No 10 by Alun. Theresa May gave a bilingual speech in which he said that not as much Welsh had been spoken there since the days of Lloyd George."

IN BRIEF

AM's surgery
IF you live in the Vale and need some advice about a local issue, Jane Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery on Friday, March 16 from 9.30am to 10.30am at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

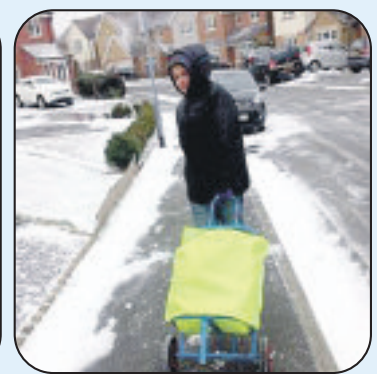
Table top sale
ON Saturday, March 17 CAOS Musical Society are hosting a table top sale at Rhose Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhose. Tables are available at £5 from 01446 7713110.

Doors open at 9am for stall holders and 10am for the public. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Doors will close at 3pm and all are welcome.

Open Day at People First
VALE People First active communities group are holding an open day at Barry Civic Offices in the Corporate Suite on Tuesday, March 20 from 10am - 2pm.

Information stalls from public services and professionals; disability awareness training; sandwiches/cakes/tea/coffee and a raffle, reaching out for new members and to the community. Come and join us and find out more.

GEM distributors brave the snow!



Among the many GEM distributors who were out delivering the newspaper in thoroughly testing conditions were Ben Harris (above left) and Matthew Starke (above right), both from Barry, who, with a little help from family and friends, managed to get their newspapers out to local residents - thank you to Ben, Matthew and all the GEM distributors who worked so hard in the snow!

Speaker from Vale in celebration of International Women's Day

USW Entrepreneurship Hub celebrated International Women's Day this week with guest speaker world record holder Maria Leijerstam from the Vale, who drew many unexpected parallels between cycling to the South Pole and being a female entrepreneur in Wales.

Maria stressed that IWD is not about outdoing our male counterparts, it is about being the best we can.

"We make up almost 50 per cent

of the population, so if we focus on bettering ourselves, we are contributing greatly to improving society as a whole during these challenging times," she said.

Head of the Enterprise Hub Christine Atkinson said Maria embodied the message of IWD 2018, The Time is Now, by showing that with determination, hard work and a positive attitude, nothing is out of reach.

"She made her story relevant to the everyday business challenges faced by the women entrepreneurs in the room so that they all came away inspired and motivated to achieve their own goals in business."

"Maria's story of determination, persistence and focus in working towards her goal of being the first person to cycle to the South Pole won the admiration of every woman in the room and left everyone feeling so encouraged to tackle their own personal challenges."

"As Millicent Fawcett said in a speech after the death of suffragette Emily Davison, 'Courage calls to courage everywhere' and the courage Maria has shown in her epic adventures calls out to other women to overcome fears of failure, aim high and set a course to achieve their goal."

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SNOW BRINGS CHAOS – AND A FEW HEROES!

RIGHT: The British Gas engineers worked across the weekend in Llantwit Major.

ON St David's Day, March 1, a heavy snowstorm descended on Wales leading to days of disruption across the Vale and Bridgend.

Schools were closed, transport services cancelled, villages cut off and vehicles stuck in snowdrifts.

In fact, St Athan was a British Isles record-breaker with snowfall of 51cm (20 inches).

People were forced to abandon cars – a couple stuck in a lane at St Mary Church had to be rescued.

Council staff worked around the clock, first to grit roads, and then, after the snow arrived, to clear them. In rural areas many routes were closed from Friday until early this week.

In Sully, a gritting truck was completely submerged in snow. But the adversity brought out the best in people and there were many reports

of people helping one another (see GEM letters page).

Mr Jeff Baker commented: "My wife and I, who are in our 70s, live in the village of Monknash and since Thursday we, like many others, were cut off by snowdrifts, some more than six feet deep.

"A local farmer and his wife did attempt to reach us by tractor. They ended up walking a considerable distance to check on our welfare and we were very grateful."

On Monday Mr Baker was relieved to see two large diggers driven by farmers clearing snow so people would be able to receive an emergency response, if needed, or be able to attend an appointment.

In Llantwit Major, the coastguard rescue team used a 4x4 vehicle to ferry people around and take a woman who had broken her arm to hospital. Residents in



Porthcawl used social media to build up a group of 4 x 4 owners who helped get essential workers to where they needed to be, and also to help out with any unexpected calls. It was co-ordinated by a retired police officer, Kerry Marlow.

The extreme conditions took their toll on many vehicles – on Monday morning drivers on the Llantwit to Cowbridge road complained that a collapse in the road

surface had led to damaged tyres and wheels.

Early this week, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said that its social services department had confirmed that all homecare calls were going ahead as planned.

By Tuesday, things across Bridgend and the Vale were getting back to normal.

At 1pm on Tuesday, Five Mile Lane reopened and Llandow Recycling

Centre re-opened too.

Councils emphasised there was reduced access in rural areas and that if the normal collection day had not gone ahead as planned, to take rubbish or refuse back inside until the next scheduled day.

Sweet success for CAVC's Bethan

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) student Bethan Greenslade put the icing on the cake at a national patisserie competition.

Bakery student Bethan won gold in the Skills Competition Wales Advanced Patisserie and Confectionery finals.

She has now been invited to represent Wales in the UK-wide skills competition.

Bethan, who is 17, also won silver in the Welsh International Culinary Championships, which were held on the same day.

Skills Competition Wales pits the most talented students from across the country and feeds into the UK Skills Show and WorldSkills contests. It features competitions in a range of disciplines.

For the Advanced Patisserie and Confectionery finals, competitors had five hours to create a



Bethan Greenslade with her gold medal trophy and Welsh International Culinary Championships silver medal.

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chocolate and sugar, then produce 30 petit fours in two different kinds to their own design.

"I was utterly shocked when I won, I wasn't expecting it," Bethan said.

"I didn't go to the competition thinking I would get placed, let

"The contest was very exciting. I was very nervous at first. I was more nervous when I was practicing but on the day as soon as I got started the nerves fell away which was good because it would be a lot more difficult if I had nerves."

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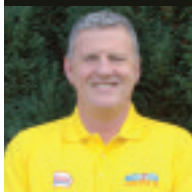
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Council mergers back on agenda

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According to reports plans to reduce the current number of 22 councils in Wales will be set out within weeks.

Cllr Vincent Bailey warned a major reorganisation could cause "chaos".

"The Welsh Government needs to come clean on its plans for the Vale, because a

major reorganisation could cause chaos after years of uncertainty.

"When you consider all the work that's going on with the City Deal, the last thing we need is a new attempt to force the Vale to merge with Cardiff.

"We don't want to be absorbed into a greater Cardiff council, and it's not acceptable for Labour Ministers to try and force it through without local support."

In the past, there were suggestions that the Vale Council could either merge with Bridgend County Borough Council or become part of a Greater Cardiff Council.

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CAVRA rescue three people in Cowbridge snowdrift

A Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association team rescued three people last Friday who were stuck in a snowdrift at The Herberts on the outskirts of Cowbridge.

CAVRA is a voluntary organisation, which provides assistance during severe weather conditions and had been called in by South Wales Police Control after the Fire Service couldn't get there.

The team, with three 4x4 vehicles, battled through horrendous conditions to get there.

The road was blocked and a farmer gave permission to go across his land.

The team tracked down the vehicle with three people in it. They had been there for 12 hours in freezing conditions.

The people were extricated via the boot of the car. They were put in the CAVRA Landrover and given food and warm drinks.

The people were taken to Cowbridge Fire Station where they had more drinks to warm them up.

Two were then taken to home addresses in Cardiff, and the other was taken to A & E at University Hospital of Wales for medical attention.

Cardiff & District RAYNET – an amateur radio emergency network organisation also helped in the rescue.

Snow strikes the Vale



'Road closed' signs were a common sight, as Aldrin Wilding-West captured in Barry.



GEM reader RH Bradshaw took this picture on Thursday morning on the A48 - he added: "The last time I stood in the middle of the bypass at 10 o'clock in the morning was in 1982 during a severe snow storm."



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I HOPE you all survived the snow! I was in the shop unpacking sleeveless vests, chuckling to myself, thinking 'who is going to need one of these?' when a lovely lady called in, excited about a forthcoming trip to Dubai, and in need of some cropped trousers and a couple of t-shirts.

We are having deliveries everyday and have just received the ever-popular Marble range. It's always cleverly thought out, giving you the ability to mix and match effortlessly.

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Lovely jackets in a range of styles, what are you waiting for – call in and see for yourself!

If you're looking for a Mother's Day gift, we have some super accessories or if you're really stuck, how about a gift voucher?

If you are lucky enough to be going on holiday or you're a golfer, I am delighted to tell you that we have just received a range of cropped trousers from Brandtex and Signature in lovely colours – pale pink, stone, denim and white – a lovely range and a great fit.

If you're still feeling the cold, we have few sale items left and this weekend will be the last few days of the sale at crazy prices.

The first fashion show starts next week on March 16 at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge and on March 23 at Porthcawl, and it's a great way to see what's available for the coming season while raising money for charity. Call into the shop for details.

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Out & About with The GEM

GAME NIGHT MAKES FOR A VERY WORTHWHILE WATCH!

GETTING together round the table with a bottle of wine and breaking out a board game is a staple part of home

entertainment. However, what if things were taken up a notch to quite crazy lengths? That is what *Game Night* proposes, a comedy that sees game-mad Max and Annie

(Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams) hosting a weekly game night.

However, things take a turn for the surreal when the game night gets kicked up a notch as Max's brother Brooks (Kyle Chandler) arranges a murder mystery party complete with fake thugs and FBI agents.

When Brooks gets kidnapped, Max, Annie and their friends assume it's all part of the game, but as they delve deeper they realise nothing is as it seems, and their game night is anything but a game...

On the surface you know what you are going to get with *Game Night* – a concept a little bit higher than your average comedy, with a dependable cast that should raise some laughs.

However, this is a film that does that and more, a highly amusing piece of work that certainly trades on the goodwill of the cast but also on the skilful direction of John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, making for a highly diverting and fun little film.

Daley and Goldstein previously helmed the misfiring *Vacation* in 2015, but their roots lay



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in comedy screenplays so they're on sure footing here, working from Mark Perez's script.

If the set-up feels a little like a comedic take on *The Game* then you'd be right; however, the laughs lie in the fact that, up until a certain point, none of the players realise that this is anything but a game.

It certainly doesn't rip up the rule book, but it does provide a platform for the cast to do a decent job, and, more significantly, it's a chance for Dale and Goldstein to show off their directing skills.

They have a good handle on the comedic set-pieces, yet show far more ambition than your average comedy director – there are minor action sequences that impress while a Fabergé egg chase-cum-American football game is stylishly done.

As the story develops it certainly threatens to go off the rails, but their sure hand ensures that while the climax feels a tad lacklustre, it doesn't impact on the enjoyment of the film as a whole.

Jason Bateman can do these kinds of comedies in his sleep (and watching *Horrible Bosses 2* you think he has) but his game-loving character, and issues with his brother, give him a slightly different edge here, while Rachel McAdams gets to exercise her rarely-used funny bone, and delivers a pleasing turn alongside him.

While their game-playing friends are thinly sketched with sub-plots that don't wholly hit the mark, it's nice to see Sharon Horgan get an outing on the big screen, while Kyle Chandler and Jesse Plemons (as a divorcee policeman with a knack of being creepy) are very good value.

The pacing is pretty good, however the film's lurch into action film towards the end stretches credulity just a little bit too much and the whole notion of who is playing a game and who isn't, while ambitious, does fall apart as the film speeds toward the end.

But the direction of Daley and Goldstein (set to take on the seemingly poisonous chalice of the DC universe next with *Flashpoint*) takes this a step above many comedies of this ilk, and all in all makes for a satisfying and amusing way to spend 100 minutes of your life.

VERDICT: A worthwhile watch, *Game Night* isn't a brave new spin on comedy, but it does offer a little more concept than you get with most, and the winning efforts of the cast, coupled with some great direction from John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, make this eminently watchable – in gaming terms, *Game Night* can pass Go! *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Game* (1997), *Horrible Bosses* (2011).

Churchill's Thin Grey Line: British Merchant Ships At War 1939–1945 REVIEWED

THE author **Bernard Edwards, who has settled in a tiny village in rural south Wales, pursued a sea-going career commanding ships trading worldwide for nearly 40 years.**

He is a prolific author and this, his latest, is a cracking read which brings home to the reader how much we in this country owe to the Merchant Navy.

It tells the story of just some of those brave seamen, volunteers all,

who manned the thin line of grey-painted ships that stretched from horizon to horizon, keeping Britain's vital sea lanes open in the face of a determined and ruthless German and Japanese enemy.

Some 2,535 British ocean-going merchant ships were sunk and, of the 185,000 men and women serving in the British Merchant Navy at the time, 36,749 sacrificed their lives. A further 4,707 were

wounded and more than 5,000 ended up in prisoner of war camps.

One of the ships sunk was *The Winkleigh*, a 5,055-ton Cardiff tramp owned by WJ Tatem who – as Lord Glanely – was the leading racehorse owner before the war, and who was killed in a bombing raid at Weston Super-Mare.

Using casebook examples this well researched book tells the inspiring story of those brave civilian volunteers who fought so gallantly to defend their ships and cargoes.

Their casualty rate of 25 per cent was second to only the RAF Bomber Command's.

The author says that even today, more than 70 years since it all ended, this country is still heavily in their debt. One thing certain is that author Bernard Edwards has done them proud in the hardback book of 233 pages published by Pen and Sword at £19.99. See www.pen-and-sword.co.uk.

Brian Lee

Poutine on the list at Tomos a Lilford Brewery

CHIPS, cheese, gravy and beer; Canadian street food arrives at Tomos a Lilford Brewery on Saturday, March 10 when the local craft brewery opens its doors to the public with street food from Puckin' Poutine, purveyors of Canadian fare.

Tomos a Lilford Director, Rob Lilford said:

"Last week's snowy backdrop is the perfect preparation for what we have in store this week.

Canada's national dish, poutine, is a totally bonkers combination of chips, cheese curds, and gravy, which shouldn't be delicious, yet it is!

"Hot poutine and a nice pint are just the

thing for a gloomy winter weekend. The Tomos a Lilford team will be on hand to offer beer tasting. We'd also like to thank everyone who generously helped us to raise £360 for Refugee Kitchen at our last street food pop up.

"The brewers would love to see everyone on Saturday: mums and dads, children, and dogs are all welcome. You can relax and enjoy some delicious grub with some of our experimental beers."

The brewery is open from 1pm to 11pm, and food will be served until 6pm.

Tomos a Lilford Brewery is at Unit 11b, Vale Business Park, Llandow, Cowbridge, CF71 7PF. Telephone 01446 677757, or visit www.tomosalilford.com.

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Local artist's gallery now open



AFTER a busy few weeks away in France painting, local marine artist Nick John Rees is really pleased to announce that his new gallery is now open.

The gallery is in Pugh's Garden Village in Wenvoe, which is in the middle of a large redevelopment and has over 40 original paintings on display plus signed, limited edition prints.

Many of the scenes are views of our beautiful local coastline and include both Watchtower and Jackson's Bays in Barry as well as Flat Holm and Steep Holm.

Nick and Olli look forward to welcoming visitors to the Gallery!

Olli H Rees

Arad Goch on tour

ARAD Goch will be touring a new production around Wales' theatres during summer 2018.

A stage adaptation of the popular children's book 'Na, Nel! Na, Nel! Wwww!' will tour around 17 different theatres all over Wales between May and July with an original new story from the book's author, Meleri Wyn James.

The Na Nel! series has been very popular with Wales' young readers. Aimed at seven years and older, the original series has sold thousands since its first release in 2014.

"Nel and her friends have been alive in my imagination – and children's imagination – for some years now, but it is very exciting to think that Cwmni Theatr Arad Goch will soon bring them alive on stage!" said Meleri Wyn James.

"I've started writing a new adventure for Na, Nel! – full of the usual

fun and mischief and I'm looking forward to sharing them with new audiences in 2018."

Nel and her friends will start their theatre tour in Felinfach on May 15 and will be finishing in the Sherman Theatre in Cardiff on July 17. To see the full tour, which includes Caernarfon, Newtown, Aberystwyth, Carmarthen, Llanelli and lots more, visit Arad Goch's website www.aradgoch.org

"The characters of Nel and her friends are exciting, interesting, sometimes mischievous and full of energy," said Jeremy Turner, artistic director of Arad Goch and director of Na Nel! Wwww!

"I'm looking forward to get to know them better through directing this new play by Meleri."

For more information, contact Arad Goch 01970617998, carwyn@aradgoch.org or follow Arad Goch on Facebook and Twitter @aradgoch.

What's on and where

Fabric swap
WHITE Gecko Craft Lounge in Camms Corner, Dinas Powys are having a fabric swap evening.

Bring fabric that has been sitting in your stash forever; you will get a ticket for the amount that you bring and you can go home with that amount of someone else's stash! There will be bubbles and nibbles and 20 per cent off everything in store.

We will also have a demonstration for the quilting frame in the shop, this can be hired per hour. Come and have a play on it and try your hand at quilting. Contact the shop on 02921152628 or on shop@whitegeckoventures.co.uk

Golden Oldies
GOLDEN Oldies aim to brighten the lives of the older person with fun!

To make friends and sing you don't even have to be able to sing – Golden Oldies is a charity that uses music to brighten the life of the older person. They sing popular hits from 30s, 50s and 60s but it is not a choir.

Golden Oldies use music to bring people together, encourage laughter and smiling and most important help make new friends.

A session is held monthly on the second Tuesday in the month at the Schoolroom, Salem Baptist Church in Beryl Road, Barry. Come and give it a try on Tuesday,

March 13 from 10.30am to 11.30am with refreshments to follow. You can call Rachel Parry on 07796 714816 or just come along.

Valeways guided walks
ON Sunday, March 11 'Coastal Path Up and Down' proceeds from the seafront car park in Gileston at 2pm.

Monday, March 12 meet at the Cosmeston Country Park information centre at 11am for a park and coastal path walk.

The Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 10.30am at the park information centre.

The same day the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet at the town hall car park in Llantwit at 2.30pm.

On Friday, March 16 meet at the Star Inn in Treoce (CF35 5DL) for a north west Vale walk at 10am.

Credit Union
IF you live in the Vale of Glamorgan or Cardiff and are looking for a flexible saving account; or affordable low interest loans with no hidden charges – perhaps a loan for electrical white goods – in partnership with Co-op Electrical, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in advice session on Tuesday, March 13 from 10am to 12pm.

This will be held at the Senior

Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. You will be able to have a chat to an adviser from the Credit Union on help available. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

PACT meetings
COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Gibbonsdown PACT is on Tuesday, March 13 at The Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise, Barry at 10.30am.

Penarth police officers will be holding a drop-in session at Penarth police station on Thursday, March 22 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Llandow Eweny Coffee and Chat is at the Lamb & Flag, St Brides on Tuesday, March 20 at 11am.

Coffee at the library
VALEPLUS is holding a coffee morning in the Art Gallery of the Library, King Square, Barry on Thursday, March 15 between 10am and 12pm.

There will be stalls including cakes and plants and also a raffle. Tickets £2, available from ValePlus, Cafe No 5 or Nova – all found in High Street, Barry.

Call 01446 746691 for further details.

Vale villages were cut off by the St David's Day snowdrifts

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THE prospect of getting stuck in the snow did not deter local photographer Glyn Evans when he headed towards St Bride's, St Donat's and Llangan after the snows came.

He found some massive snowdrifts, and many hamlets were still cut off, but he was able to take these striking images.



ABOVE: A touch of the Bruegels about this shot from St Bride's?



ABOVE: It wasn't easy to get around the St Donat's area.



Huge drifts near Nash Point.



ABOVE: A massive drift near Llangan.



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ABOVE: Nash Point lighthouse (on right) was snowed in.



ABOVE: The sheep took it all very calmly.

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SPRINGWATCH? No: kittenwatch

PREGNANT feline three-year-old Daisy came in to Cats Protection's Bridgend adoption centre when her owners moved away.

A family fed her for a month, but couldn't give her a permanent home so asked Cats Protection for help.

The centre has decided to write a blog which will follow the progress of Daisy and her kittens from birth until

finding new homes when they are approximately eight weeks old.

Daisy gave birth on March 1, just as the snow descended. The centre is asking the public to come up with names with a spring theme for each of her kittens, although 'Emma', 'Storm', and 'Snowflake' seem appropriate.

Interested readers can follow Daisy and her offspring on the 'kitten watch' blog from the centre at bit.ly/kittenwatchbridgend.

Macmillan offers HOPE on the web

I WOULD like to let your readers know that they can now access our HOPE self-management programme online (I-HOPE).

For many people, dealing with cancer is the biggest challenge they will ever face. HOPE has been designed to help people living with and beyond cancer to manage the emotional impact of their diagnosis.

It focuses on topics including managing fatigue and stress, exploring character strengths and priorities as well as living positively with the fear of recurrence.

Since the HOPE programme was launched in Wales in 2013 in partnership with Coventry University, around 320 people have been supported in locations across the country.

Feedback from those attending the programme has shown that they've been able to take something away to help them to look forward in life. However, we know that some people find it difficult to attend the face to face sessions, with health medical appointments, work schedules,

parenting or carer responsibilities all acting as barriers.

The online version of the programme can provide people with the support they need in their own time, at a location convenient to them, and in a way that can fit around their day-to-day lives.

I would like to encourage anyone who needs support with managing the impact of their cancer diagnosis to sign up to this free programme.

I-HOPE is an opportunity for people to explore methods to live life with cancer, and they can fit this programme around their own schedule.

The programme will begin on Monday, April 23 and will run for seven weeks. Participants are asked to commit to two hours a week, at a time that suits them.

To find out more or book a place, contact the Learning and Development team in Wales on 01656 867 960 or email

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The Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

W E E K commencing February 26:

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Division 4 – Witches 213 (O Weighall 27), Hellraisers 209 (M Davies 25); Optimists 249 (S Hayne 25), Livin on a Spare 204 (M Ping 26).

Due to weather conditions a lot of matches were cancelled - we apologise for any scores missing due to weather, as any posted were not delivered.

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Barry RFC news

HOPEFULLY, after last weekend's whitewash, Barry RFC can get back into league action this Saturday with a mouth-watering clash against the present leaders, Cilfynydd.

This fixture replaces the original game which was due to be away to the same opposition – that game will be played under lights later in the season.

Hopefully we'll see good support for this important game.

The second XV are also at home with both games kicking off at 2.30pm.

Despite the weather, the lottery draw went ahead. The winning numbers, which failed to produce a winner of either the main draw or a ticket which matched three numbers for a £10 prize, were 02, 05, 18 and 21 – this week's jackpot will be £1,100.

AJ

NEWS IN BRIEF

Penarth Local History Society
Thursday, March 8 Alan Thorne will give a talk on notable residents of Penarth.

The talk will be at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth at 7.30pm. Admittance £2 for non members, all are welcome.

Notice of Surgery

VALE AM Jane Huil will hold a surgery on March 10 from 10am – 11am at Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau at 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

Table top sale

A TABLE top sale will take place on Saturday, March 17 at Rossway Church, Barry.

Doors open at 11am and tables include cakes, refreshments, raffle, tombola and numerous others. Free admission.

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Some of the briefing sessions and courses GVS offers include: recruiting, selecting and managing

volunteers; social media training; sustainable funding; preparing a sustainable funding strategy; community fundraising; GDPR; Get Ready to Tender and preparing press releases.

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New national development manager named for Wales RL

WALES Rugby League have appointed the very experienced Paul Chambers as their new National Development Manager, replacing Idris Evans who left the post late last year.

Chambers, 49, will start his new fulltime role on Monday, March 12 and be responsible for growing the sport in Wales across all regions, delivering upon the WRL National Strategy and ensuring the relatively young National Governing Body, at 12-years-old, takes the next stage in its development.

Originally from Coventry, Chambers attended Warwick School and initially played rugby league at Brunel University alongside current RFL National Player Development Manager Dave Rotherham before becoming a PE Teacher in 1990 in Middlesex and played semi-professionally with London Broncos before they were elevated into Super League.

He left for Australia in 1999 and only returned to the UK in early 2016. While in Australia, he held many educational roles including teaching at St Paul's College in Manly and then becoming head of sport at Bishop Druitt College.

In 2011, he began working fulltime with the NRL as their Coach Education Development Manager, working extensively in north coast of New South Wales before moving to Brisbane and continuing with the same role in the south of the Queensland capital.

In 2014, he left to teach at Alexandra Hills High School as their Rugby League Development Coordinator which included coaching with a number of Brisbane Broncos

Elite Player Development Squads as well as coaching representative sides at under-15 and -18 levels in Queensland.

From April 2016 until December 2017, he worked as the Sport Development Manager at SportTherm and Athletic Mind and was based on the Isle of Wight.

There he managed a team of staff in designing and delivering programmes in CrossFit Coaching, Strength and Conditioning Coaching, Sports Coaching and Teaching amongst others.

Chambers, who has a number of related qualifications and is currently towards the end of his Masters in Sports Coaching, said: "I am very excited to be offered this great opportunity to manage the next phase of Rugby League development in Wales."

"I will look to build on the work that Idris has done over the last few years and implement my own vision and values to the role. I will use the experience and knowledge that I have gained working for the NRL in NSW and Queensland to lead and grow the game to even bigger and better levels."

Wales Rugby League CEO Chris Thair said: "We had a number of very strong applicants however Paul's experience and skillset shone through meaning we are all very excited about what he will bring to the organisation."

"The continued financial support from the RFL and Sport Wales means we can put employed posts into developing rugby league and we thank both partners."

"It is always nice when someone new joins the family and we all look forward to working with Paul on continuing to progress the sport here in Wales."

RHOOSE YOUNGSTERS GET THE BARCELONA EXPERIENCE



Cowbridge RFC are ready for tough test

UNFORTUNATELY, there was no rugby for Cowbridge RFC last weekend as the conditions took their toll on fixtures across Wales.

Strangely there was not a great deal of snow on the pitch but the club was inaccessible as the strong winds had created six foot drifts on the driveway.

The under-12s' Blues Cup semi-final was also called off.

This Saturday the visitors are second placed Treherbert, just one point ahead of Cowbridge but with a game in hand.

Cowbridge put in a sterling performance against a giant pack at Treherbert in November, but despite heroic defending finally lost 13-0 to a try and two penalties.

Following the fine win against Old Penarthians the boys will be looking for another good performance to move up to second place so come down and cheer them on.

It's then back to the Clubhouse to

watch France v England at 5.45pm.

There's no game the following Saturday as it's the final round of the Six Nations and the club will be open for all three games, starting with Italy v Scotland at 12.30pm followed by England v Ireland at 2.45pm and climaxing with Wales v France at 5pm.

It should be a scintillating end to the tournament with hopefully everything still to play for.

It's then back to league action and we take on Ferndale at home on March 24 followed by Tonyrefail away on March 31.

The youth are scheduled to play Cardiff Uni at home on March 24 and Aberdare away on March 31.

RV/RK

AFC Rhose players enjoyed the unique opportunity to be coached by ex-Barcelona player Juanjo as part of 'The Barcelona Experience'.

Over 45 children aged 8-12 attended the day, arranged by AFC Rhose under-11s coach Derek Evans, who said: "This opportunity was a chance for local children to undertake an experience rarely available - to interact, receive coaching and have an insight into the demands of an elite level former Barcelona player."

"The players had an incredible morning which they won't forget and we look forward to hosting similar events in the future."

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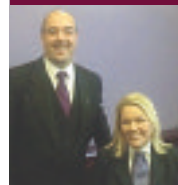
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John's funeral will now take place at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, 15th March at 1.30pm.

FERGUSON
James Rodden

RE-SCHEDULED FUNERAL SERVICE
James' funeral will take place on Wednesday, 14th March at All Saints Church, Barry at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm.

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Family Notices

JONES
Ursula

Peacefully on 27th February, Ursula, aged 92 years, with her loving family by her side at Milsom House Nursing Home, St Athan. Previously of Parkland Walk Barry and Bromfield Road, Barry Island.

Adored wife of the late Bob Jones, loved and cherished mother of Angela, David and mother-in-law of Pat. Much loved nan of Hayley, Cheri, Bethan and the late Robert Jones. Great grandmother of Nathan, Ashley, DeeJ, Kaley and Lillie. Great great grandmother of Sienna.

Words cannot express how much Ursula will be missed by all her family and friends.

Sleep peacefully with the angels mum xxx

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 14th March. Funeral service at All Saints Church Barry at 3pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for The Stroke Association.

BASSETT
Mike

(of Town Mill Road, Cowbridge)

Widower of Edna, dad of Deryn and Jan.

Funeral service at 12 noon on Thursday, 15th March at Coychurch Crematorium.

WESTCOTT
Nora Mary

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 25th February, Nora, of Tan-y-Fron, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Bill, much loved Mam of Paul and Sian. Mother-in-law of Angela, adored nan of Daniel, Rhys and Tom. Great grandmother of Elliot and Aled.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Thursday, 22nd March at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations, in lieu of flowers, to The Alzheimer's Society.

THOMAS
Eira Elizabeth

Peacefully on 21st February at Llandough Hospital, Eira, dearest wife of the late David, devoted mother of Linda, mother-in-law of Nick, loving grandmother of Euan and Rhian and great grandmother of Bruar and Bryn.

Will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday, 16th March, service 2pm at Gileston Church, followed by interment in Gileston Cemetery.

No flowers by request.

BAGNALL
Mary Evelyn

Peacefully at home on Monday, 5th March in her 96th year, Mary, of Rhoose Road, Rhoose. Beloved wife of the late John, wonderful mum to David, Gary, Russell and Susan. Loving nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Tuesday, 13th March, service 11am at Porthkerry Church, followed by interment in Porthkerry Cemetery.

Thank You

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YMCA Barry 'ecstatic' after two gymnasts are selected for Wales



Josh Cook, Pete Haysham and Iwan Mephram.

YMCA Barry gymnasts Josh Cook and Iwan Mephram will be heading for the Gold Coast, Australia, in April to take part in the Commonwealth Games!

They were on the 'long list' to represent Wales and, last year and this, Josh and Iwan have had to undergo many trials around Britain to demonstrate they have the potential to score high enough to be selected.

They competed in their final Commonwealth Games trial in February during the Welsh Championships in Cardiff.

All the male gymnasts on the Commonwealth long list competed over two days, day one being the senior men's Welsh Championships.

This competition came with excellent results, with Iwan becoming the Welsh rings champion. Josh went on to become the Welsh high bar and parallel bar champion as well, and at just 17 Josh became the overall senior Welsh champion.

On the second day of competition both Josh and Iwan posted some excellent scores, with Iwan claiming the parallel bar title.

Scores from the Commonwealth trials were then put together for the national coaches and Sport Wales to decide if a team would be travelling to

Australia, and who would be successful in gaining a place in the team.

YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club were ecstatic that Josh and Iwan were selected for the Welsh team. This is a fantastic achievement to have two members of YMCA Barry representing Wales in the highest level competition.

Congratulations to Josh Cook, Iwan Mephram and coach Pete Haysham for all your hard work and dedication throughout their journey to this year's Commonwealth Games.

Josh, Iwan and Pete will travel to Australia with the rest of Team Wales at the end of March. Good luck to all of the Welsh team!

Could your son or daughter be YMCA Barry's future Commonwealth representative?

YMCA Barry offers gymnastics to all ages and abilities from baby gymnastics to adult gymnastics classes. The club also offers elite gymnastics in female and male artistic gymnastics, as well as recreational classes in preschool gymnastics, female gymnastics, male gymnastics and cheerleading.

For more information call 01446 724000, email sophie@ymcabbarry.org.uk or follow their social media @ymcabbarry. SE

WALES' SMALLEST THEATRE IS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

Jasper and Bryan welcomed the Mayor of Barry, Cllr Nic Hodges, and his wife Cllr Shirley Hodges, to the official opening.

JUST before the snow hit the region, Wales' smallest theatre, The Small Space, on Barry's Island Road, held its official launch night.

Among the invited guests who celebrated with a glass of fizz were Assembly Member Jane Hutt and the Mayor of Barry Nic Hodges.

Seating just 20 people in the theatre's auditorium and featuring a fully licensed upstairs bar, the Victorian converted one-up, one-down shop has already hosted three sell-out shows, with the next three sold-out too.

The owners, professional Magic Circle magicians Jasper Blakeley and Bryan Gunton, entertained special guests and local traders.

Jasper said: "It's been a great turn-out tonight and the comments from all the guests have been incredible; we've had half a dozen enquiries for our private-hire parties already."

World class illusionists have been booked up for future shows.

Jasper said: "We've got some unbelievably



talented conjurers: psychological Derren Brown-style manipulators, card experts and comedy magicians lined-up, and it's not just the UK that's being represented as we have US and Italian magicians too."

Bryan added: "We're really keen for any local group or business to get in touch about hiring the venue during the day as it's an amazing space and we really want this place to be used by the community."

For more information about what is planned, go to: www.thessmallspace.co.uk.

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Author's new book draws on his days as a young reporter



David Simmonds.



EVER wondered how those hot-shot TV reporters started their careers?

A new book by Penarth author David Simmonds, a former BBC journalist himself, might shed some light on that subject - although David emphasises that most of the book is actually 'fake news'.

"*Jake's Progress* is very much a work of fiction, although much of the setting and some of the situations Jake encounters come from my own days as a trainee reporter on weekly newspapers in the south Wales valleys in the early 1970s", he said.

"The story is set in 1986: Jake has just graduated from a Welsh university and is starting his first job on a small

valleys newspaper, leaving behind the dying embers of a love affair in London.

"He's very keen and has some success early on, but things get a bit complicated when he gets involved with two would-be freedom fighters who are set on kidnapping the Lord Lieutenant of the county in a bid to demonstrate their commitment, and an embittered Minister whose plans for the same man are much more final."

"Jake's personal life gets sticky too when he becomes very attracted to a beautiful fellow reporter, and his soon-to-be ex falls for one of the freedom fighters. It all comes to an explosive climax - literally."

David describes *Jake's Progress*, which is on sale at Griffin Books on Windsor Road in Penarth town centre, as "a darkly comic tale of romance, revenge and reporting".

He added: "Most of my time on weekly papers wasn't nearly as exciting as Jake's, but I still remember that period of my life with great fondness."

New Flybe jobs at Cardiff Airport are ahead of schedule

THE regional airline Flybe has announced that it has created more jobs at Cardiff Airport than originally planned.

When Flybe opened its new base at Cardiff Airport with a 10-year agreement in June 2015, the forecast was that it would create 50 new jobs to support the two Embraer jets.

In under three years, the airline now employs 62 staff at the airport

and has created another 100 indirect jobs in ground handling and engineering support services there.

This number will receive another boost at the end of March when a third aircraft arrives for the start of Flybe's 2018 summer schedule, with an additional 22 Cardiff-based crew needed to support the airline's expanded operation.

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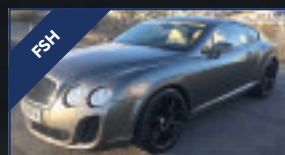
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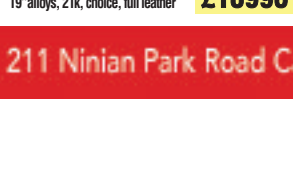
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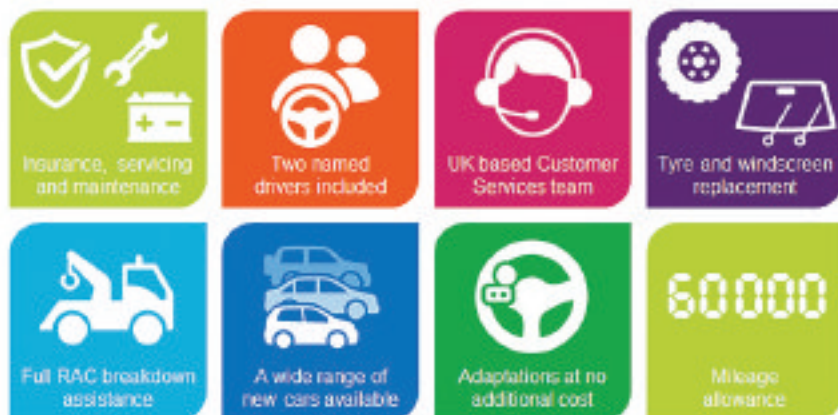
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Wales RL CEO shares his thoughts for the future...

The Wales under-23 side returned from the Commonwealth Championships in Australia last week and Wales Rugby League CEO Chris Thair has discussed the legacy for the sport.

He said: "Legacy is always a discussion point around any major sporting event and whilst there is no funding or an official legacy programme to the recent Rugby League Commonwealth Championships, the 20 players and staff from Wales who participated in this Nines tournament with distinction, have ensured the sport in Wales and globally has taken another positive step forward."

"There will always be difficulty in getting a new team sport into the main Commonwealth Games due to the cost and logistical implications this would bring to the Games, however rugby league is now one step closer to doing so following the recent conclusion of the successful 2018 Rugby League Commonwealth Championships in Australia."

"If rugby league were to become part of the Commonwealth Games then this would bring huge benefits to the sports development across the globe, raising performance standards and participation rates due to increased investment by Sports Councils. Especially for nations such as Wales who prioritise particular government and lottery funds to those sports in the games over those who aren't."

"There are 70 participating nations in the 2018 Commonwealth Games and whilst there is a good fit to first tier rugby league nations such as England, Australia and New Zealand there is also a strong overlap to those nations not at that stage of development such as Canada, Cook Islands, Fiji, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Northern Ireland, Nigeria, Pakistan, PNG, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Tonga and Wales."

"Rugby League's global governing body, the Rugby League International Federation (RLIF), asked the Commonwealth Games Federation over five years ago how the sport could become part of the Commonwealth Games. In their response they offered no guarantees however the Federation said rugby league must become a category 2 sport in order to be considered. It is currently category 3, and this status would be reviewed after the 2022 Commonwealth Games."

"In the meantime the Commonwealth Games Federation asked the RLIF to do commit to two programmes of work. Firstly, continue to establish and develop the sport in Commonwealth nations especially those in the Caribbean, Asia and Africa. Secondly and perhaps most importantly, commit to delivering a Commonwealth Championships around the Games themselves."

"While officially recognised by the Federation, these events would receive no financial or logistical support from them. This was a test to the sport to see how committed it was."

"Thankfully the RLIF and its member nations such as Wales are committed. So far two fantastic events have been delivered in Glasgow 2014 and Gold Coast 2018, the latter having \$150,000 Australian dollars invested into the event by the RLIF, building upon the first men's competition by adding two new competitions for women and disabled athletes. The hugely entertaining games streamed around the world and involving many partners have been a great success."

"Next up will be Birmingham 2022, after which the Commonwealth Games Federation will let know rugby league know its fate. The answer may be no however there can be doubt the sport had tried to do become part of the games and certainly moved a few steps forward into one day doing so."

"If in 2022 or 2023 rugby league does get announced as being part of the 2026 Commonwealth Games then all the players, staff, families, sponsors and partners who have

supported the last two Commonwealth Championships should be immensely proud."

"Outside of the global legacy for the sport, we are also left with a much healthier sport in Wales. I was reminded of this as I met the Wales team and staff at the arrivals lounge in the airport as they arrived back at the airport."

"Lots of families and partners were there to pick up their loved ones, all of whom reported back they had a great time, much of which I could see when following their social media accounts. Upon seeing her son at the airport one mum burst into tears saying how proud she was of him, it reminded me how powerful and meaningful some of our programmes are."

"Before, during and after these 20 people have been away with Wales U23s, they have been engaging their local communities, social media accounts, work places and friends."

"Representing Wales on the other side of the world, playing Australia, beating England (all Welshmen love this) and doing something remarkable. This opportunity, the positive experience they've had means the sports reputation is improved with many more people and is much better for it. New people that our news stories or WRL social media account don't ordinarily reach."

"While nearly all the players were from South Wales, we purposely took staff from key constituents within the sport - north Wales, south Wales and a Super League club - engaging, developing and influencing these for the betterment of rugby league in Wales."

"Those involved in the trip have developed as people and players. Retention rates are improved not only with these people but for those they inspire when they go back to their rugby league clubs."

"Involvement in prestigious events and teams makes it easier to engage those touched in future opportunities. Be that becoming a new player, official, administrator, coach or sponsor, it will enable the game to grow in Wales."

"Thank you to Energy Check our main sponsor for the Wales under-23s team, to everyone who has supported the team and especially to the following people, who, led by the outstanding head coach Shane Eccles, represented Wales under-23s with distinction and honour: Cobi Green, Stefan Collins, Paul Edwards, Liam Rice-Wilson, Zak Williams, Rhys Gant, Dan Crabtree, Connor Farrer, Jake Thomas, Blake Turner, Aneurin Walker, Macauley Harris, Morgan Jefferies, Karlin Claridge and Liam Silver (all players)."

"Shane Eccles (head coach), Mark Robinson (assistant coach), David Albertelli (team manager), Craig Poskitt (commercial manager) and Ian Golden (media manager)."

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Beavers hold AGM

ON February 1, Barry Beavers Swimming Club held their AGM at the Civic Offices, in which members of the club were invited to attend.

Both Clive and Sue Taylor attended the AGM as our club's new patrons and were mentioned during the meeting. Also Jane Hutt AM and Kris from GVS attended as our guest speakers and were able to add their feedback about the club regarding how it has flourished since its inception. We have a new treasurer, Leigh Aspinall, who is replacing Ceri Lloyd.

Also recently the club has broken the record for numbers attending the club, the figure exceeding 50 members

and the club continues to go from strength to strength.

Asda superstores have supported the club with the token collection from their customers.

The club also recently held their first halliwick workshop at Barry Leisure Centre. There was a great turn out and Fran, Nicholas and Emily from Rhondda Polar Bears Swimming Club travelled to Barry for the workshop.

If you want to find out more about Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club, you can contact GVS either at Barry Library or at the Enterprise Centre at Skomer Road, or by contacting Pat Finch on 07517121729. The club runs on Saturdays, 5-6pm.

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Barry chess club kept busy

OVER the past seven days the Barry Chess Club has played two league matches and the second round of the Barry Club Championships. Fortunately these matches were all scheduled before the bad weather hit.

In the Club Championships were only able to play three matches due to mainly to ill health of quite a few players.

The three matches we did play were all won by the higher-ranked players - Peter Watkins had a quick win, Scott Turner managed to turn a likely defeat into a win and a longer struggle for John Stephenson.

This means that after two rounds of play there not been any draws yet. Dave Parsons and Marc Cooke lead the table with two points, Sam Jukes and John Stephenson are only a half point behind.

At this early stage the stronger players in the Open section hold all the top places with the players in the Plate just behind.

In the league the Bosons were at home against the North Cardiff Cheetahs. Steve Cunliffe, Sam Jukes and Dave Parsons all managed draws.

The Cheetahs were a man short so we had a default win on board 5. This ensured the spoils were shared.

Not a great result but hopefully a turning point for the Bosons who have lost all their other matches since the turn of the year.

The Bosons have four games still to play and currently stand in mid-table. However our next three games are against teams above us in the table so our fate may not be decided until the final round of games when we play the Cardiff Pawns.

Below us the Bridgend A side recorded their fourth consecutive win and appear to be pulling away from trouble.

In Division 2 the Quarks travelled to Cardiff to play the Crowns. The Crowns were in eighth place, just above us in the table.

They put out a stronger team with four of their players outranking us quite substantially. Our only hope lay on board 5.

However a quick defeat on the bottom board didn't auger well for the night but our blunders were spared with Tom Cooke earning an important draw on board 1.

The Quarks remain firmly rooted to the foot of the table some six points behind the Penarth Pirates. The Penarth and Cardiff teams are fighting with the Barry Camelots to avoid relegation. Again it may all come down to the final match when the Crowns play the Camelots.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>. PHIL JONES

Barry and District League tables and results

THE latest results for the Barry and District Leagues are as follows:

CRIB DIVISION 1: West End 6, Wyndham Cons 9; Moors Boys 8, Liberals 7; Rhose Social 6, Cadoxton Cons 9.

League Table: Liberals 144, Cadoxton Cons 132, Wyndham Cons 131, West End Runaways 128, Rhose Social 126, Moors Boys 123, West End 116.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1: Slammers 2, Rhose Social C 5; Sea View B 6, West End C 1; Allsorts 2, West End D 5; Rhose Social A 5, King William XII 2.

League Table: West End D 93.0, Sea View B 89.0, West End C 80.0, Rugby Club 76.5, Rhose Social C 72.5, Rhose Social 68.0, King William XII 66.0, Rhose Social A 66.0, Slammers 63.0, Allsorts 53.5, Rhose Social B 53.0, Liberals A 51.0, Barry Town FC 50.5, Liberals C 48.5, Cambrian Flyers 38.5, *Barries Boys 32.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1: Cadoxton Cons Z 4, Services Social B 1; Wyndham Cons A 4, Savoy B 1; Savoy A 4, Cadoxton Cons B 1; Liberators 3, Rhose Social B 2.

League Table: Harbour B 87, Savoy A 75, Cadoxton Cons B 54, Wyndham Cons A 54, Cadoxton Cons Z 53, West End C 44, Liberators 40, Penarth Cons A 35, Services Social B 32, *Savoy B 30m Rhose Social B 29.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2: Harbour A 3, West End A 2; Wyndham Cons D 3, Market Street C 2; Cadoxton Cons A 3, Rhose Social C 2; West End B 3, Sully Sports A 2.

League Table: Cadoxton Misfits 64, Rhose Social C 56, Market Street B 52, Penarth Cons B 52, Cadoxton Cons A 50, Harbour A 50, Market Street C 47, Wyndham Cons D 46, West End A 43, West End B 41, Sully Sports A 39.

* = Points deducted. All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk; search for 'barry leagues' on Facebook.

Barrivale Bridge Club news

THE latest results for the Barrivale Bridge Club for February 27 are as follows:

The top three places were: first, Mark Roderick and Jenny Vaughan, 65.10 per cent; second, Carol Cochlin and Philip Bottrill, 54.69 per cent; joint third, Irene Thomas and Denis Mottram, 54.17 per cent; Dave Thomas and Ken Hannah, 54.17 per cent.

The handicap winners were Dave Thomas and Ken Hannah. On February 13, the Barrivale Mixed Pairs handicap winners were Debbie Dawkins and Dave Thomas (pictured).

New members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required. Call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 for further information.

The current class for beginners continues to run on Friday mornings - new members wishing to start can join the next beginner's class commencing in September 2018.



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Bridgend Bridge Club round-up

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, February 28: First, John Evans and Bill Turner; second, Simon Richards and Tony Disley; third, Rob Forman and Alan Heath. The winners on handicap were John Evans and Bill Turner.

There was not any play on Thursday and Friday this week due to the severe winter weather.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne - please contact Steve for further details on his number below.

On Thursdays there is a session run by Steve starting at 1pm on slightly advanced topics - this week the topic is bidding with a strong hand after a 1NT opening.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or David Newman on 01656 649138. GJ

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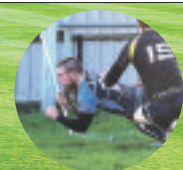
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Ultradistance race comes to Jenner Park

SUNDAY, March 11, sees the return of ultradistance running to Jenner Park.

Racing over such arduous distances pre-dates the modern Olympic Games and was very popular in the mid and late 19th century. In Wales too, many such races were held in Maindy Stadium, Cardiff, and the first sub-four hour 40 miles was achieved there in 1967.

The local equivalent at Barry was first held on the cinder track in 1986 and was won by local athlete Mick McGeoch, who remains the race director today.

After converting the track to a synthetic surface the following year, the Barry 40 has been held every year, and has earned its place as a cult event on the global ultra calendar.

In the previous 31 editions no less than 61 world best performances have been set, and three Barry winners have gone on to win global titles – Carolyn Hunter-Rowe (1993), Simon Pride (1999) and Lizzy Hawker (2006).

Last year an additional marathon event was added to the itinerary to give athletes a choice. The two races start simultaneously at 10am.

The stand-out entry for this year is Steve Way of Bournemouth AC. Two years ago Steve made 3:54:52 appear effortlessly easy, and celebrated by

taking his three dogs for a run on Barry Island beach before the race presentation.

Last year Steve used the race as a springboard to the Comrades double marathon in South Africa, an event where he finished a brilliant ninth and was the first non-African to finish.

A fascinating late entry for the marathon is that of Geoff Oliver. He is 84!

He has completed the 40 miles here on nine previous occasions, set multiple world bests en route, and his sole concession to age is the fact that he has found someone to drive him to the race from his home in Leicestershire.

Of local interest is the entry of Lisa Cleary – a Barry girl, she joined the local club age 11 and Jenner Park is like her second home. This will be her 29th marathon, but first time on the track.

The great thing about ultradistance is that every athlete has a tale to tell – a special reason for competing, if you like.

Nine athletes are scheduled to start the 40 miles, and eight the marathon. They come from every corner of the UK, plus France and the United States, such is the universal appeal of this race.

As ever, the race will start at 10am and admission is free.

MICK MCGEOCH

Llantwit Major and District Darts League

THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season completed its 21st week with the highlights being:

Luke Richards 21 dart leg, Sarah Pitman 22 dart leg, Simon Nettleship 93 out.

In the Monday night 'C' League top of the table clash, table-toppers Lamb & Flag 'C2' beat second placed Rugby Club 'C1' 6-5, third-placed Shoes St Athan 'C2' consolidated their position with a 7-4 win over the Tudor Tavern 'C2'.

In the Tuesday night 'A' League the Kings Head 'A1' extended their lead at the top of the table with a 10-1 win, the Wenvoe Arms, Shoes Athan and Fox & Hounds all won to consolidate their positions in second, third and fourth place.

The LMDDL recently held its ladies and gents singles nights with some excellent darts thrown on both nights.

Highlights were Simon Greenfield 117 out, Kenny Thomas 180, Allan Morgan 180 and 16 dart leg, Dai Randall 16 dart leg (x3) and 17 dart leg, Dave Wood 18 dart leg.

Thanks very much to Jean Griffiths and Sheryn Islip for running the nights; a superb effort by them as usual and much appreciated by all.

Thanks to everybody that chalked and checked and to Ben Rees, Steve Randall, Andrew Adamson, Luke Richards, Steve Dixon, Christina Woods and Rob Oakley, who helped the committee dismantle the darts stands and take them back upstairs and cleared the tables and chairs away.

Ladies singles semi-finals on March 8: Mo Phillips (Rugby Club 'A2') v Julie Cheal (Shoes St Athan 'C1') and Gaynor Dale (SSA 'C1') v Beth Gatheridge (SSA 'C2').

Gents singles semi-finals on March 15: Ben Rees (Kings Head 'A1') v Luke Richards (Wenvoe Arms 'A') and Dai Randall (KH 'A1') v Ray Procco (KH 'A1').

'C' League table:
Lamb & Flag 'C2' 147, Rugby Club 140, Shoes St Athan 'C2' 139, Lamb & Flag 'C1' 137, Shoes St Athan 'C1' 133, Kings Head 'C2' 121, Boverton Castle 113, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 100, Kings Head 'C1' 78,

Tudor Tavern 'C1' 47.

'A' League table:
Kings Head 'A1' 187, Wenvoe Arms 168, Shoes St Athan 136, Fox & Hounds 135, Rugby Club 'A2' 125, Golden Cups 119, Lamb & Flag 112, Rugby Club 'A1' 111, Kings Head 'A2' 108, Shoes Peterston 106, Four Bells 104, Tudor Tavern 73, Blacksmith Arms 61, Rugby Club 'A3' 61.

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Robert puts up good fight at UK Open

BRIDGEND'S Robert Owen was blitzed 11-3 in the semi-finals of the Coral UK Open at Minehead.

The 33-year-old from the Ogmore Valley was delighted to reach the last four of a major tournament for the first time, but then failed to hit his best form against Corey Cadby.

The highly-rated young Australian, a former world youth champion who turned professional only in January, had knocked out another Welshman, Gerwyn Price, in the previous round, and took command against Owen from the start.

He led 9-0 at one stage and a whitewash looked possible, only for the Welshman to win three of the last five legs to give the scoreline some respectability.

Cadby went on to lose 11-7 to Scotland's Gary Anderson in the final. This was Owen's most successful

E V A N S ENTWISTLE, one of Penarth's longest established accountancy and taxation advisory practices, has continued its sponsorship of Cogan Coronation AFC's under-14 team for the fifth year running.

Evans Entwistle Partner Damian Evans said: "We are very much a community based practice and we are delighted to sponsor this local club which genuinely supports grass roots football in the Vale.

"We've supported the club with kit sponsorship for five years now and the level of professionalism and degree of effort which goes into the children's football coaching – from the chairman to the coaches and assistants – is immense.

"What is even more impressive is that their time is given on a wholly voluntary basis. Aside from weekly coaching sessions and matches, the club also takes an active

role in hosting summer football festivals, as well as trips to key matches so the kids can see professionals in action. This year, we're all heading to Barcelona to watch a game at the Camp Nou.

"My eldest son has played for Cogan for eight years and has made huge progress in his footballing skills during that time, which is one of the many reasons why we as a practice are so keen to help promote the continued success of the club."

Partner Lisa Entwistle added: "We have committed to Cogan Coronation for the past five years and we love spotting all the matchday shirts, hoodies and winter kits we have sponsored over the years out and about in the Vale. We're proud to be part of this heart-warming community and we're always pitch side come rain or shine supporting the lads."

Cogan Coronation under-14s Blues take on Island Marine in the Cup semi-finals and the whole of the Evans Entwistle practice will be cheering them on!

New kit for Cogan Coronation



Cogan Coronation under-14s sporting their new training tops.

Athletic gear up for derby encounter

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC are again grateful to Richard Dyke for agreeing to sponsor this Saturday's (March 10) derby at the Morganstone Brewery Field between Bridgend Athletic and Kenfig Hill.

Following a 26-18 defeat to league leaders on November 4, the Athletic visited Kenfig Hill who were second in the league. A seven-try, 39-0 whitewash started the Athletic's current eight-match Division 1 West winning sequence.

The club were disappointed that the away game last weekend at Maesteg Quins was snowed off.

Richard founded his company, R & M Dyke, in 1976.

The Dyke's are a very sporting family. Richard played full back or centre for Porthcawl, Bridgend Sports, Bridgend and Maesteg.

His son Richard Dean, an outside half or full back, played for the Athletic youth and made 136 senior Athletic appearances, crossing for 62 tries and scoring 351 points.

He then moved on to Pontypool,

Tondu and Bridgend. He captained the Athletic, Tondu and Bridgend.

His daughters Chloe and Bethan have represented Wales at Netball. Bethan has been selected for Wales at the Commonwealth Games in Queensland, and has a ball named after her on sale in Welsh sports shops.

Another son, Christopher, played prop and hooker for Bryncethin and Tondu and was capped at Wales youth twice against England.

His youngest son Daryl, an outstanding competitive flanker, played for Athletic youth, Tondu and the Athletic first team, winning player of the year and most promising player of the year. He was presented with the awards in June 2005, before his tragic passing in December that year.

The Daryl Dyke Memorial Trophy, donated by Richard, is presented at Athletic player of the year nights to a person who has made outstanding commitment to the Athletic during the season.

Richard's daughter's son, Lloyd Wilson, won player of the year awards in both the seasons he captained the Athletic youth, and now he captains Bridgend Sports.

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Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section results

THE ladies have been able to play many games despite the inclement weather and here are the results:

On January 9, a nine hole Medal was held: 1st Samantha Saunders 47 – 14 = 33; 2nd Annie Blackburn 48 – 10.5 = 37.5; 3rd Sian Smith 49 – 10 = 39.

On January 16, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders 18 pts; 2nd Sue Bridle 16 pts; 3rd Sian Smith 15 pts.

On January 30, a nine hole Texas Scramble: 1st Angela Brown, Audrey Harwood & Ruth Yates 39 gross – 12 = 27 nett; 2nd Lisa Ryley, Sian Smith & Samantha Saunders 38 –

10.5 = 27.5; 3rd Sally Livsey-Davies & Rhian Thomas 47 – 18 = 29.

On February 6, a nine hole Waltz: 1st Lisa Ryley, Sian Smith & Samantha Saunders 42 pts; 2nd Annie Blackburn, Audrey Harwood & Ruth Yates 32 pts; 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam, Maxine Hird & Sally Livsey-Davies 29 pts.

On February 20, a nine hole medal White Elephant: 1st Chris Nelms 52 – 18 = 34 nett, 2nd Samantha Saunders 51 – 14 = 36; 3rd Angela Brown 49 – 12 = 37.

On February 27, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders 20pts; 2nd Sue Bridle 18 pts, 3rd Lisa Ryley 16 pts.

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